

FIG. 6A

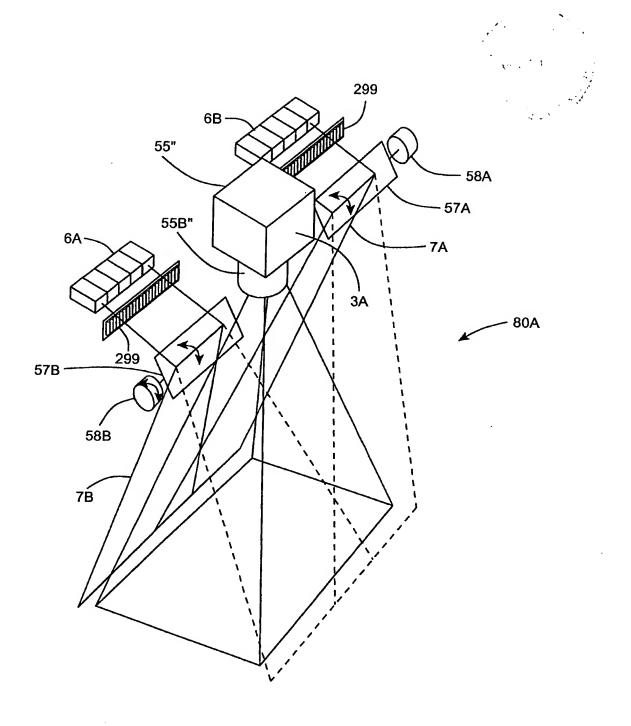


FIG. 6B1

(1) Variable Focal Length Camera Lens(2) Variable Focal Distance

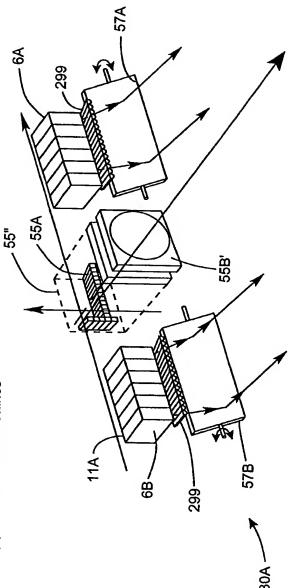


FIG. 6B2

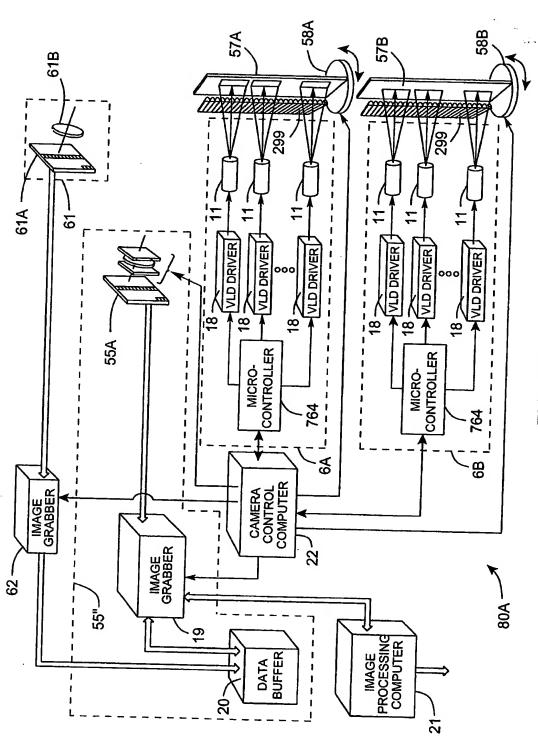


FIG. 6B3

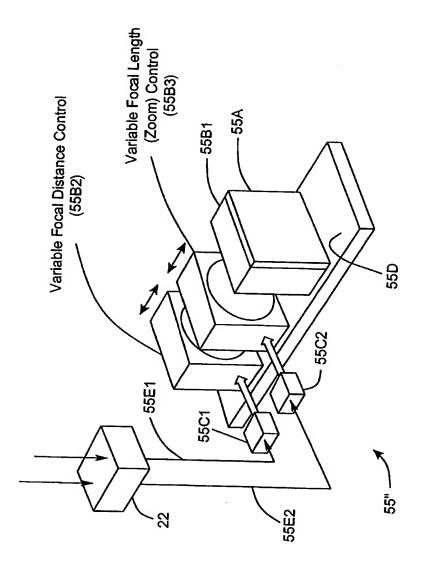


FIG. 6B4

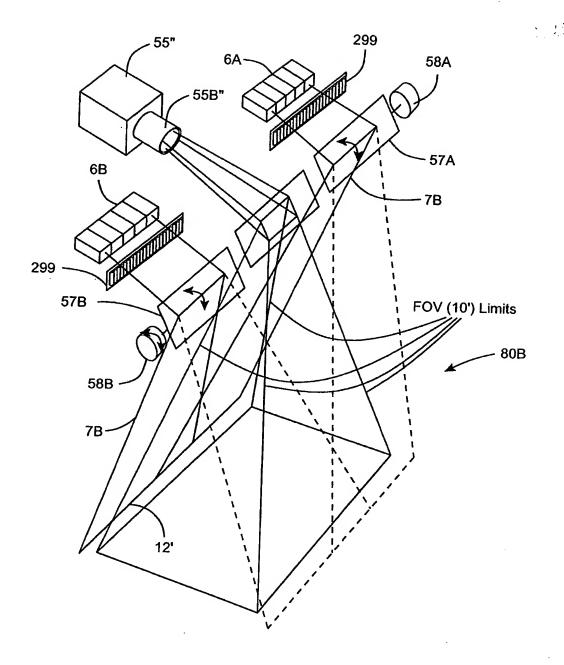


FIG. 6C1

(1) Variable Focal Length Camera Lens(2) Variable Focal Distance

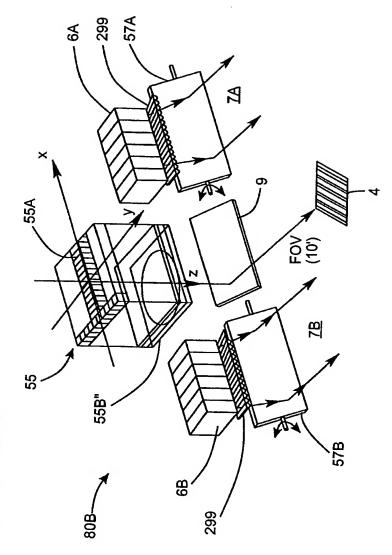
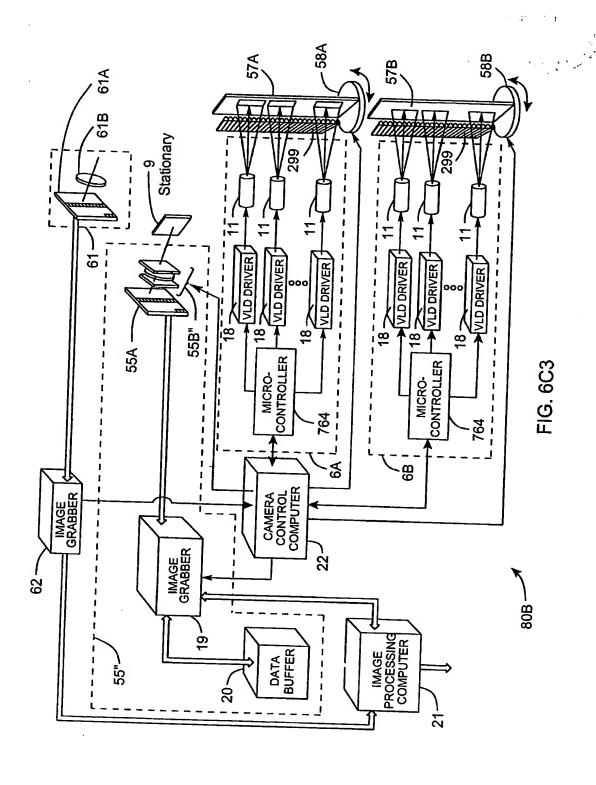


FIG. 6C2



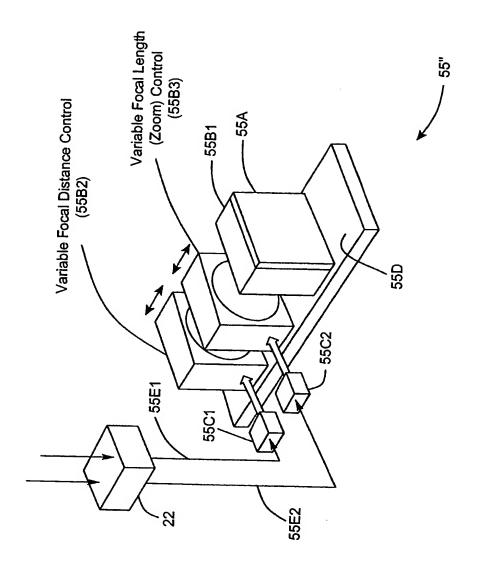


FIG. 6C4



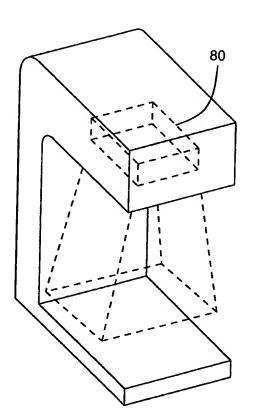


FIG. 6C5

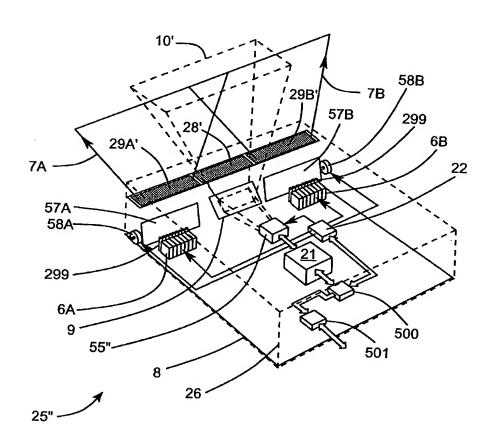


FIG. 6D1

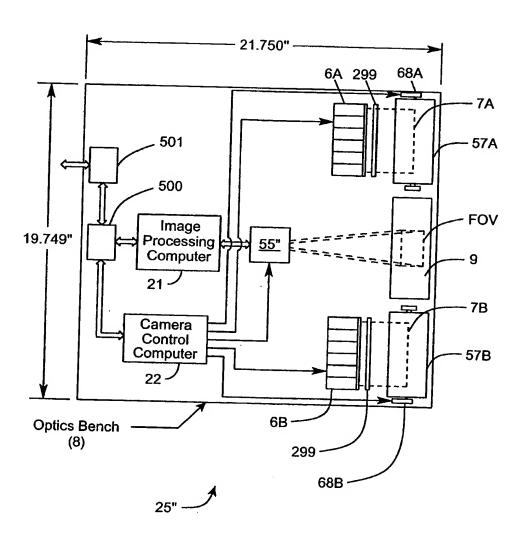


FIG. 6D2

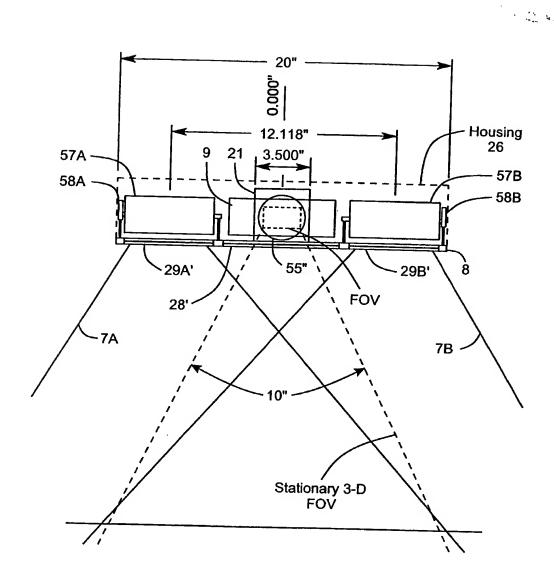


FIG. 6D3

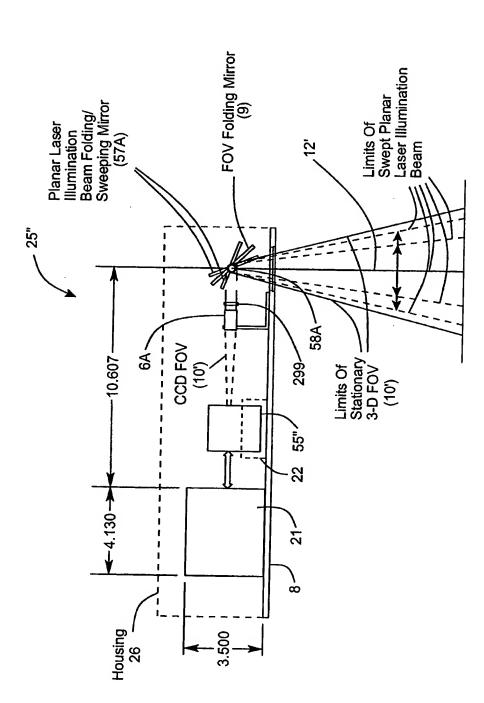


FIG. 6D4

* Variable FOV

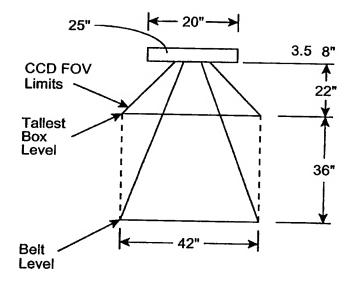


FIG. 6D5

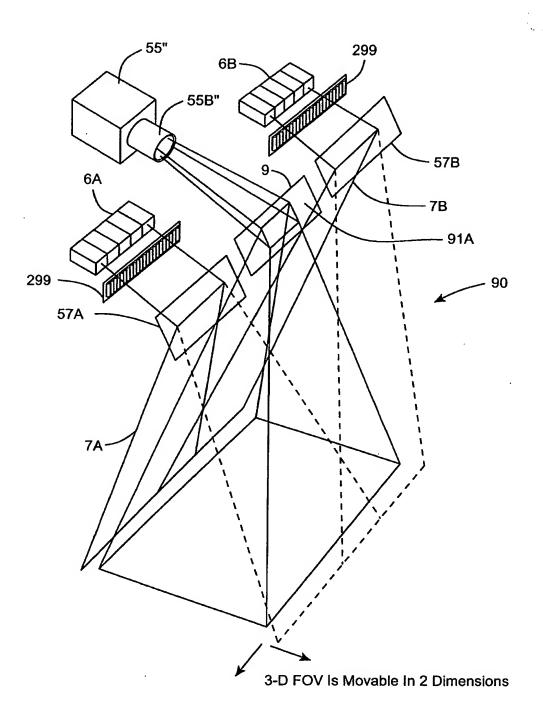


FIG. 6E1

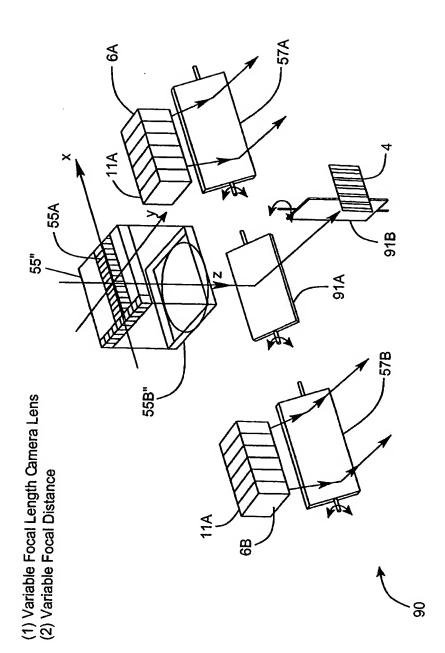
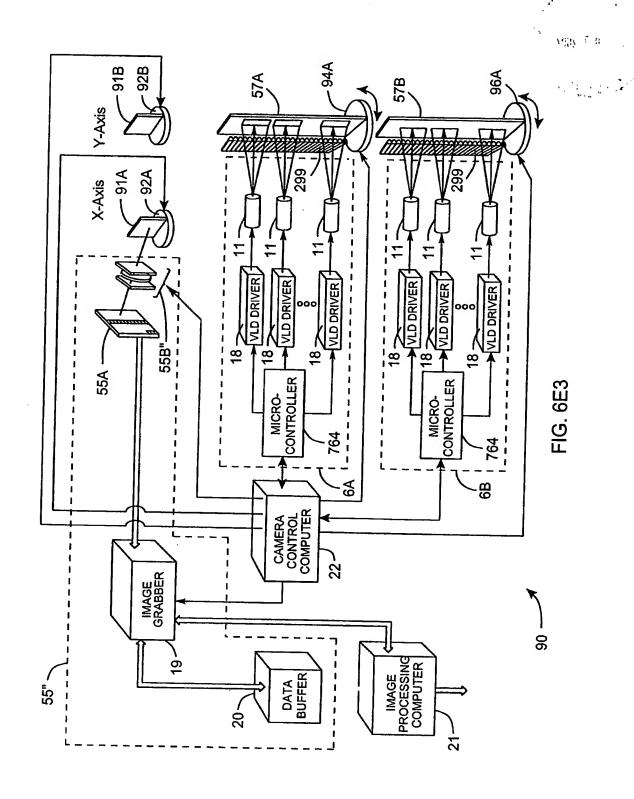


FIG. 6E2



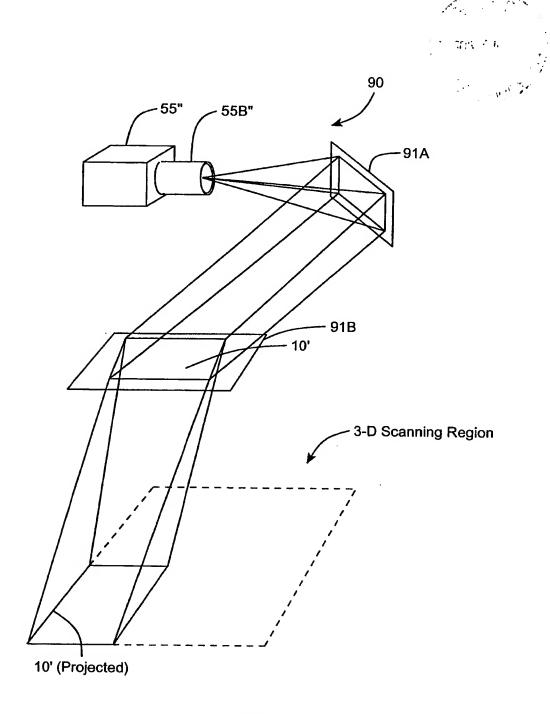


FIG. 6E4

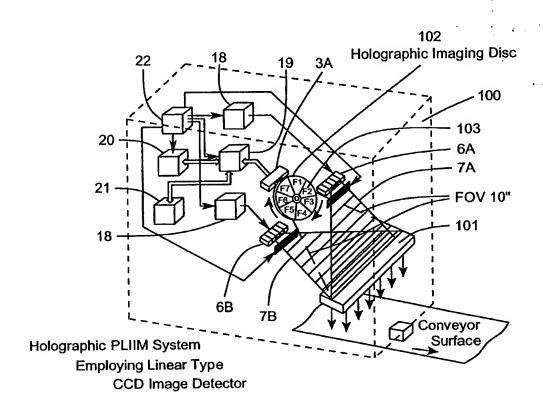


FIG. 7A

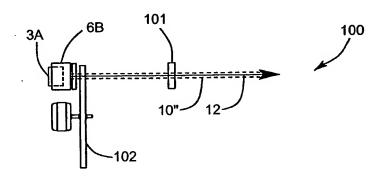


FIG. 7B

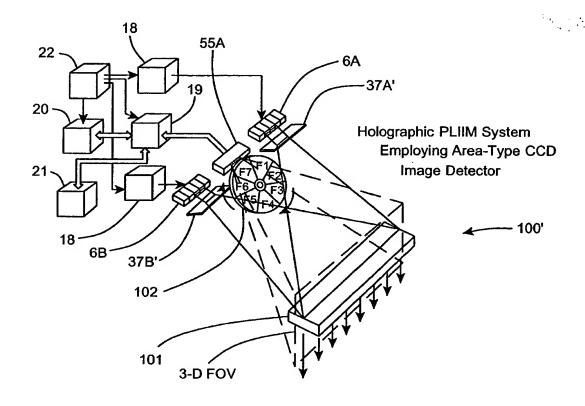


FIG. 8A

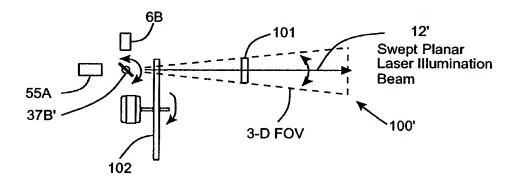


FIG. 8B

1-D Scanner Embodiment

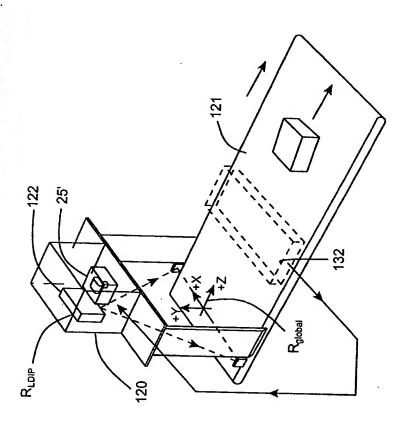
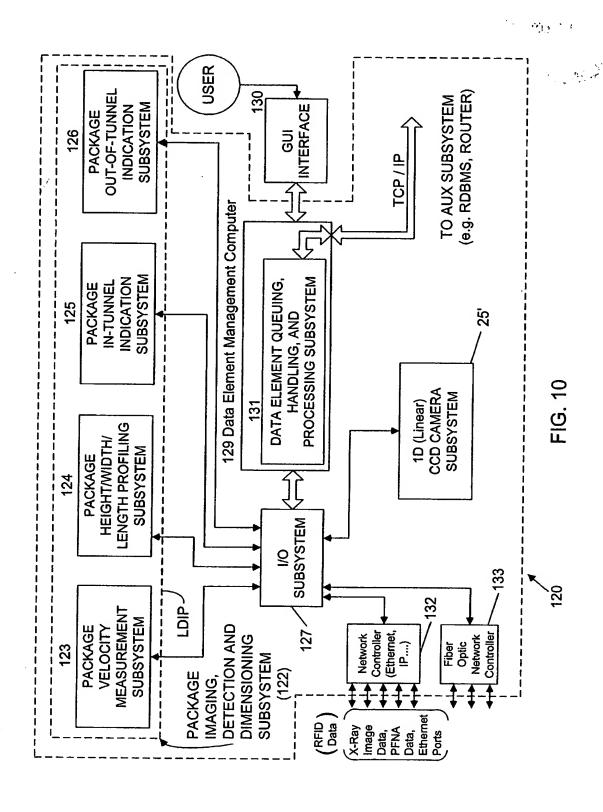


FIG. 9



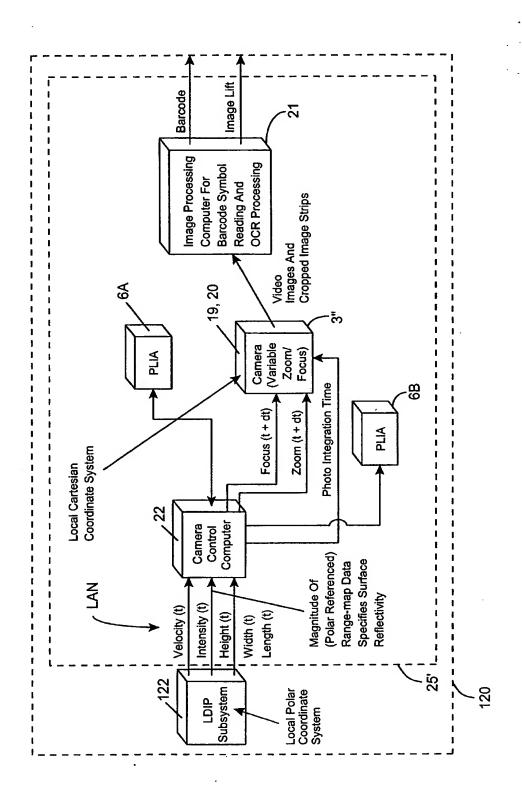


FIG. 1



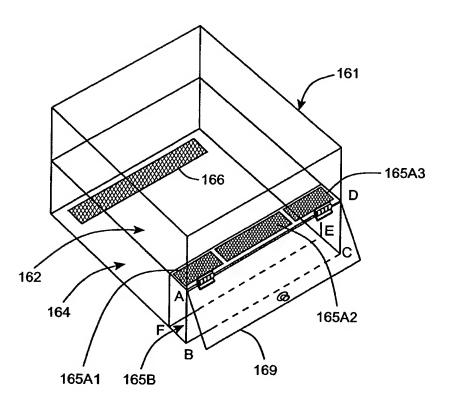


FIG. 12A

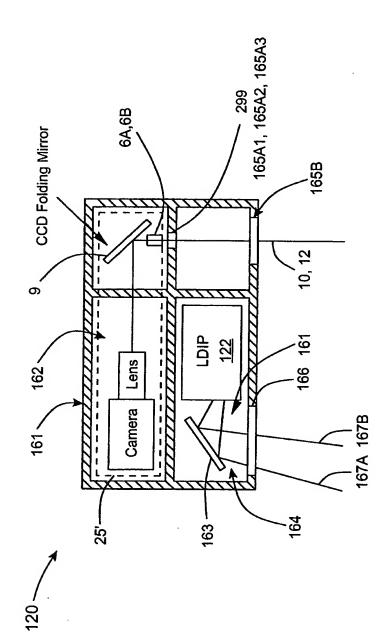
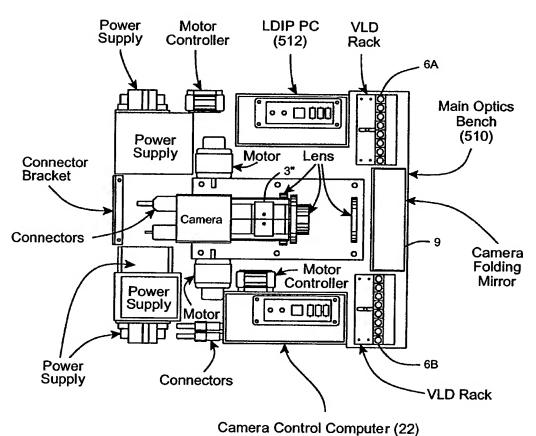


FIG. 12B



And Image Processing Computer (21)

FIG. 12C

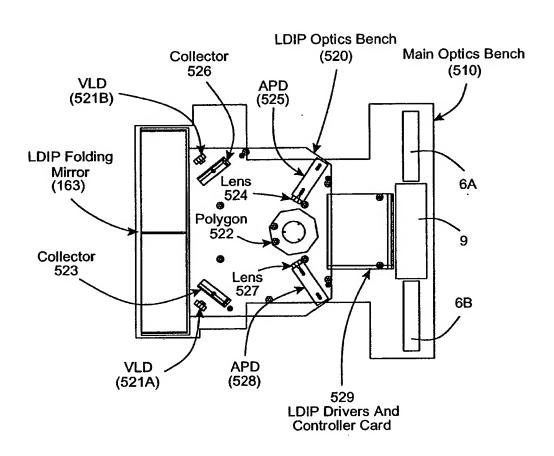
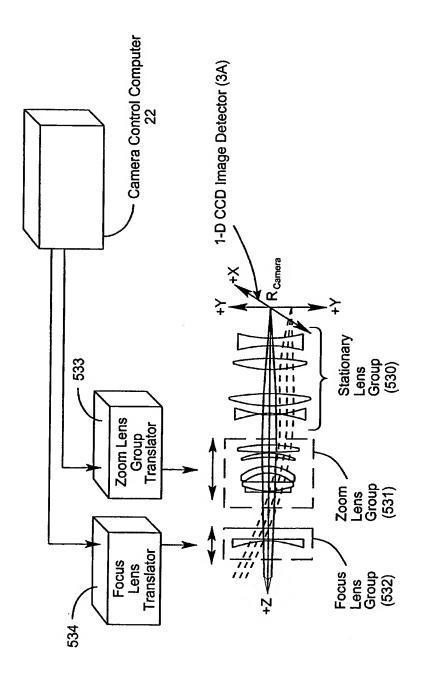


FIG. 12D



Main Optics Lens Groups

FIG. 12E

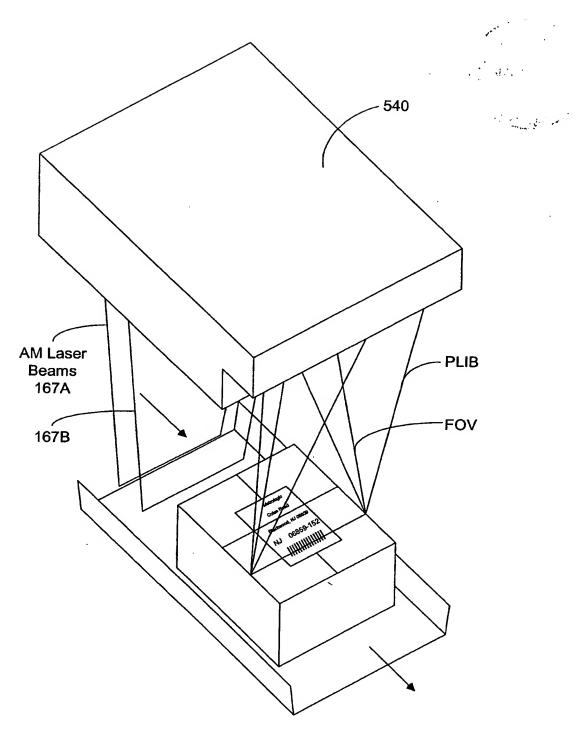


FIG. 13A

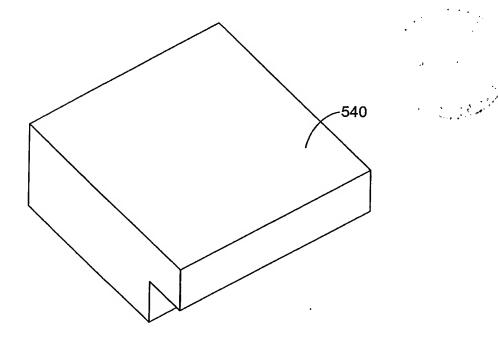


FIG. 13B

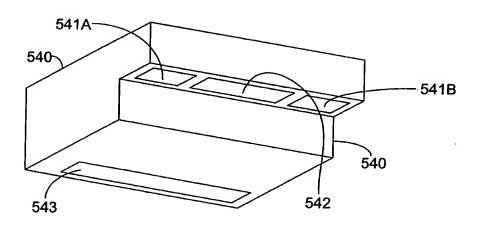


FIG. 13C

PLIIM-BASED PACKAGE IDENTIFICATION AND DIMENSIONING (PID) SYSTEM

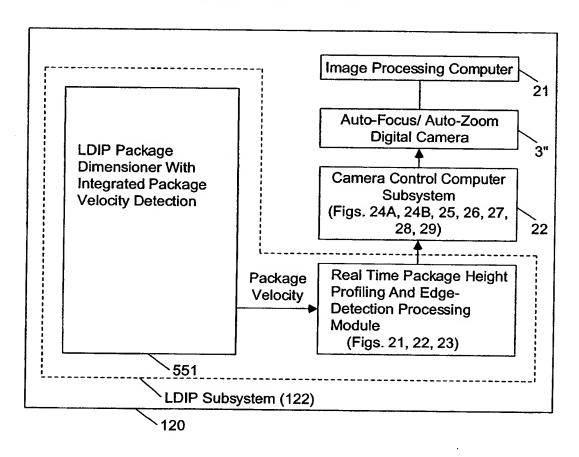


FIG. 14

LDIP REAL-TIME PACKAGE HEIGHT PROFILE AND EDGE DETECTION METHOD

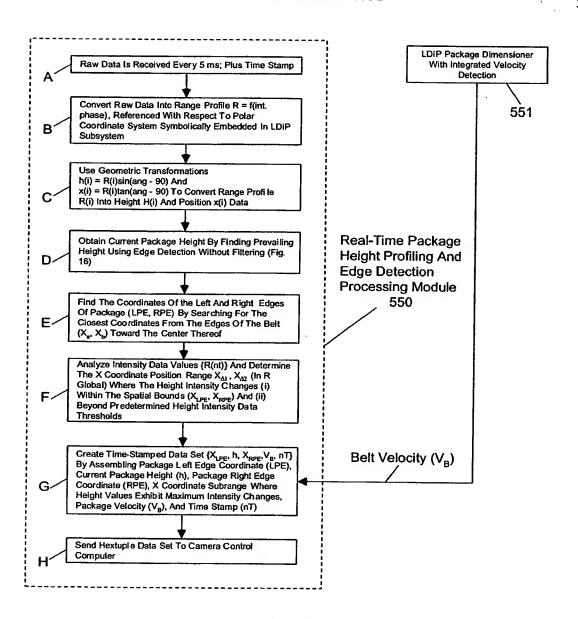
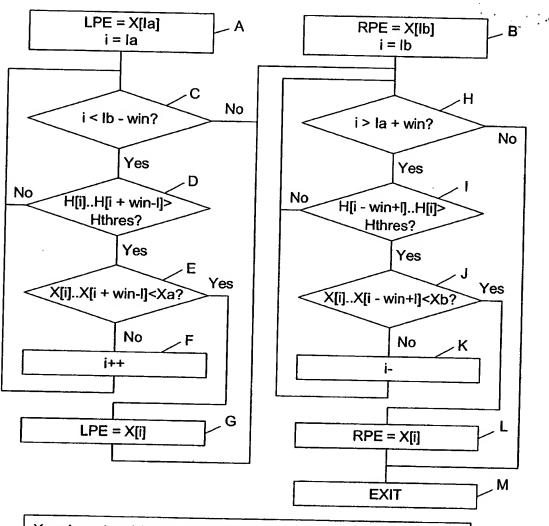


FIG. 15

LDIP REAL-TIME PACKAGE EDGE DETECTION



Xa = Location Of Belt Left Edge; Xb = Location Of Belt Right Edge Ia = Belt Left Edge Pixel; Ib = Belt Right Edge Pixel LPE = Left package Edge; RPE = Right Package Edge H[] = Pixel Height Array; X[] = Pixel Location Array win = Package detection Window

FIG. 16

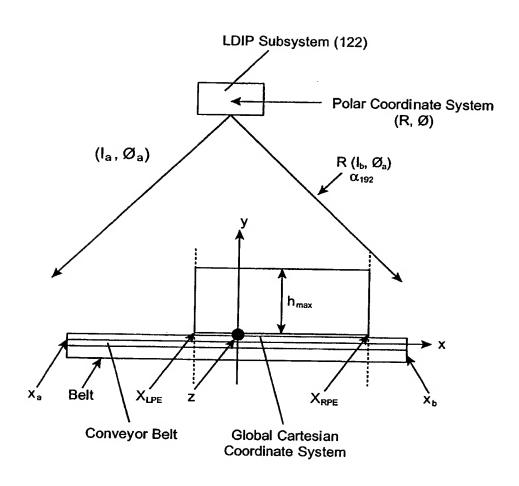


FIG. 17

Information Measured At Scan Angles Before Coordinate Transformations

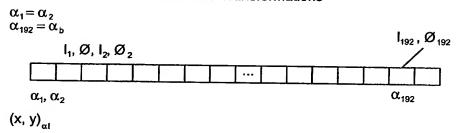


FIG. 17A

Range And Polar Angle Measures Taken At Scan Angle α Before Coordinate Transforms

Range And Polar

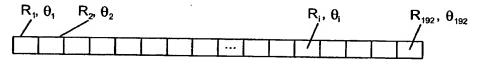
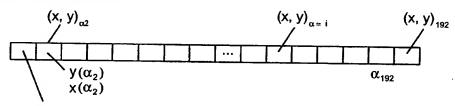


FIG. 17B

Measured Package Height And Position Values After Coordinate Transforms

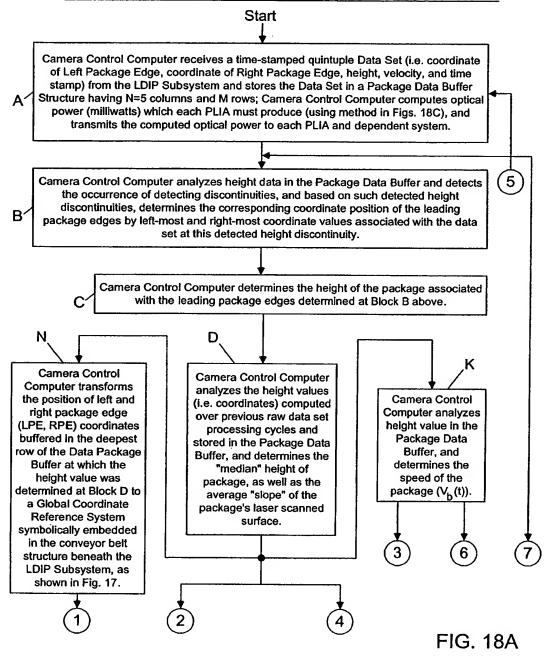
H [] Input Height After Coordinate Transforms

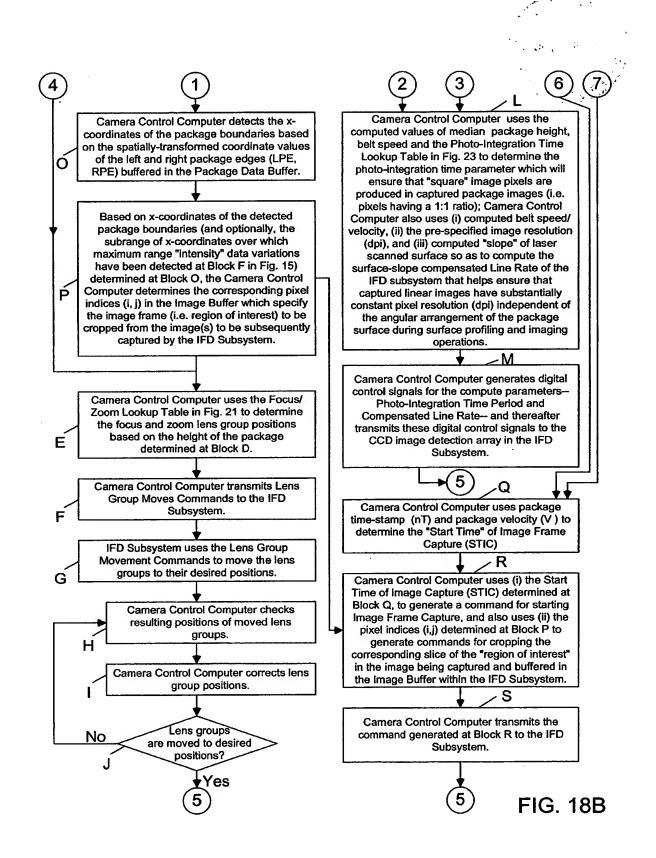


Height Value $y(\alpha_1)$ And Position Value $x(\alpha_1)$ Measured At Left Belt Edge

FIG. 17C

CAMERA CONTROL PROCESS CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CAMERA CONTROL SUBSYSTEM OF EACH OBJECT IDENTIFICATION AND ATTRIBUTE ACQUISITION SYSTEM OF PRESENT INVENTION





METHOD OF COMPUTING OPTICAL OUTPUT POWER FROM LASER DIODES IN A PLANAR LASER ILUMINATION ARRAY (PLIA) FOR CONTROLLING THE CONSTANT WHITE-LEVEL IN IMAGE PIXELS CAPTURED BY A PLIIM-BASED LINEAR IMAGER

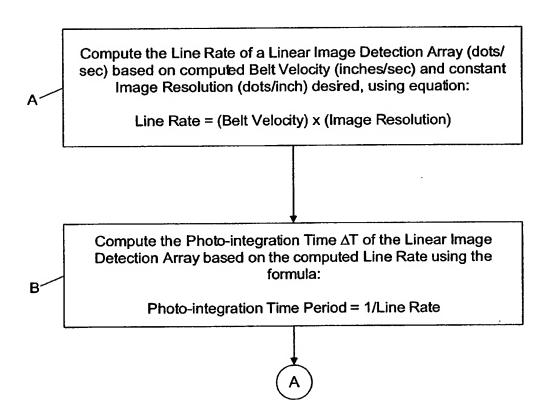
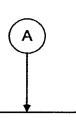


FIG. 18C1



Compute the Optical Power (milliwatts) of each PLIA based on the computed Photo-integration Time Period (ΔT) using the following formula:

Optical Power of VLD (milliwatts) = constant

Photo-integration Time Period ΔT

FIG. 18C2

X Coordinate Subrange Where Maximum Range "Intensity" Variations Have Been Detected

eft Package Edge (LPE)	Package Height (h)	Right Package Edge (RPE)	1	Package Velocity	Time-Stamp (nT)	
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Package Data Buffer (FIFO)

FIG. 19

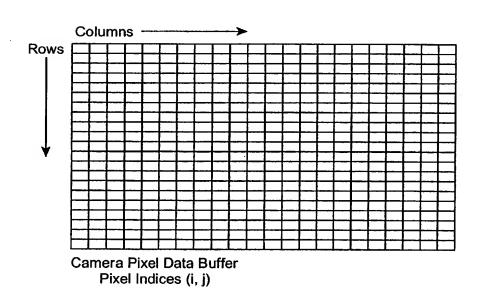


FIG. 20

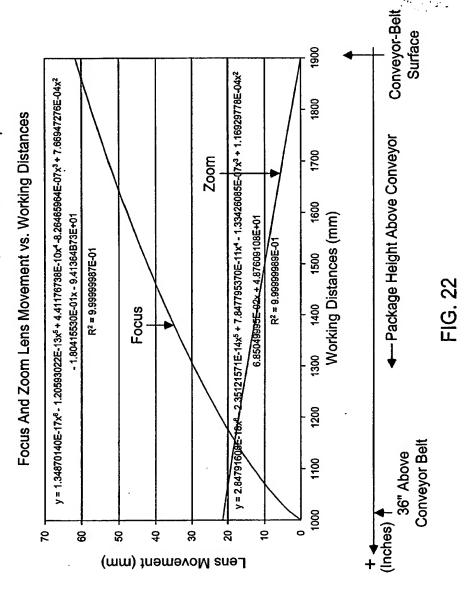
Zoom And Focus Lens Group Position Look-Up Table

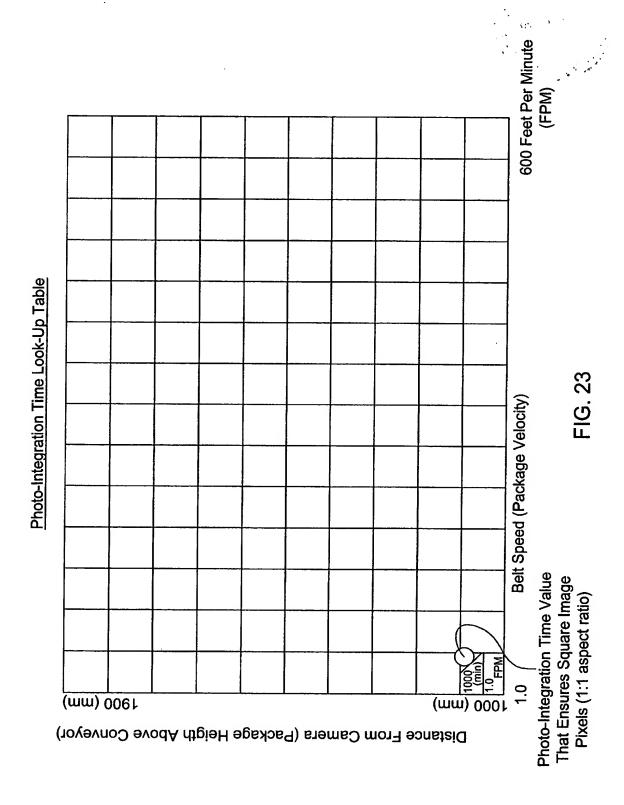
Distance (mm) Focus Group Distance (mm) Y (Focus)	21.57489228 2.47E-05 19.38039636 10.39009783 17.10573434 20.65783177 14.77137314 29.10917002 12.3915365 36.47312595 9.97914356 48.44003358 5.078794775 53.25495831 2.595989366 57.40834303 0.099972739 60.968833615
Distance From Camera Zoom Group Distance (mm)	1000 1100 1100 1201 1200 1700 1700 1800 1800 1800 1800 1800 18

FIG. 2

* Note: The focal distance and zoom (eff. focal length) of camera lens are coupled (inter-dependant) in this commercial embodiment.

Camera Has A Fixed Aperture F56





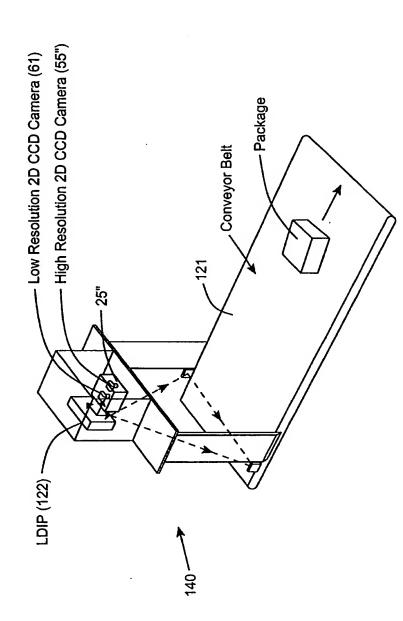
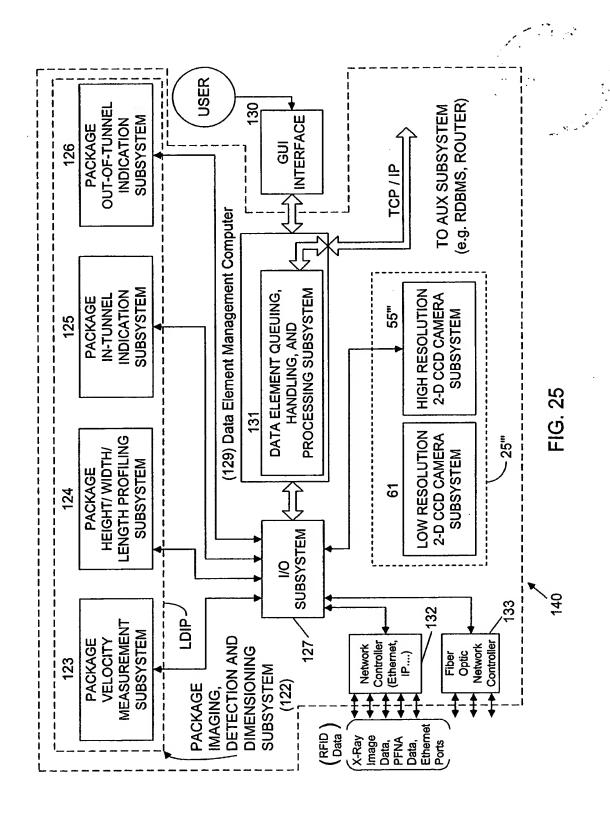


FIG. 24



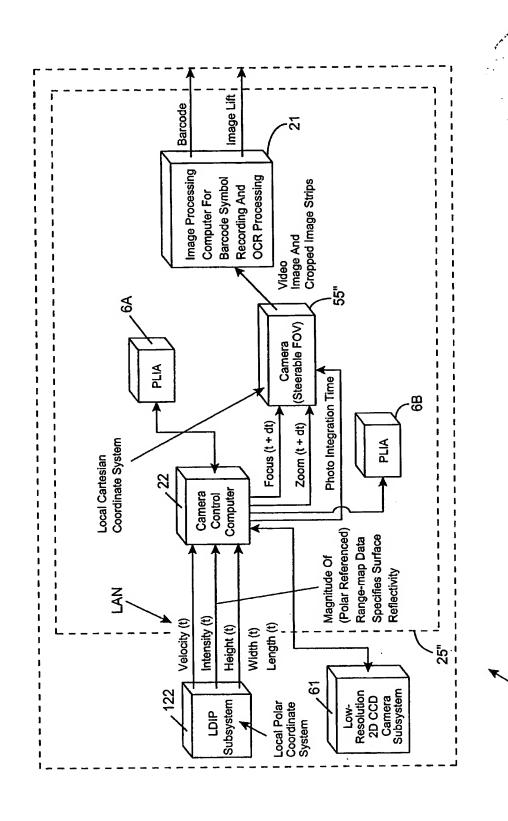


FIG. 26

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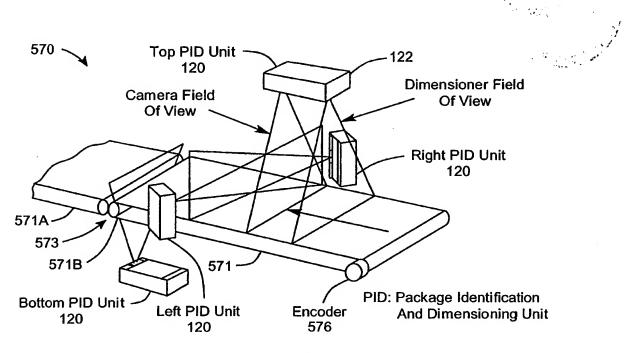
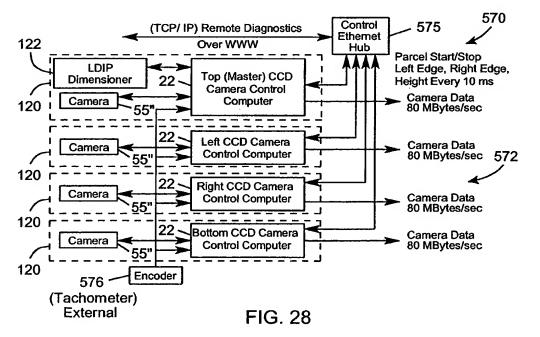


FIG. 27



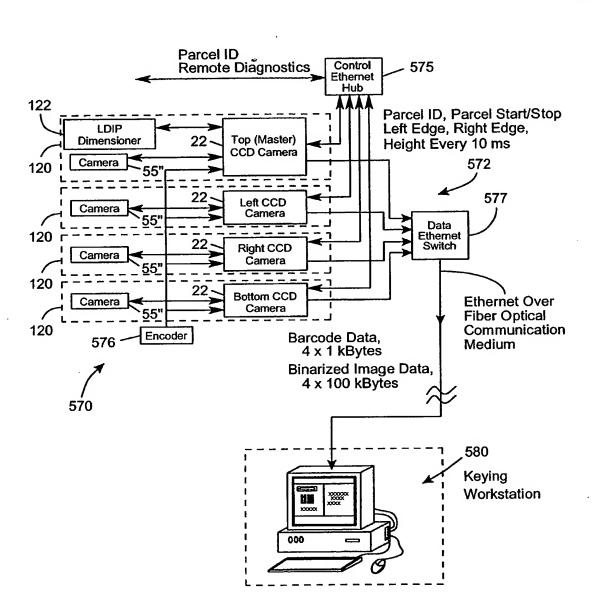


FIG. 29

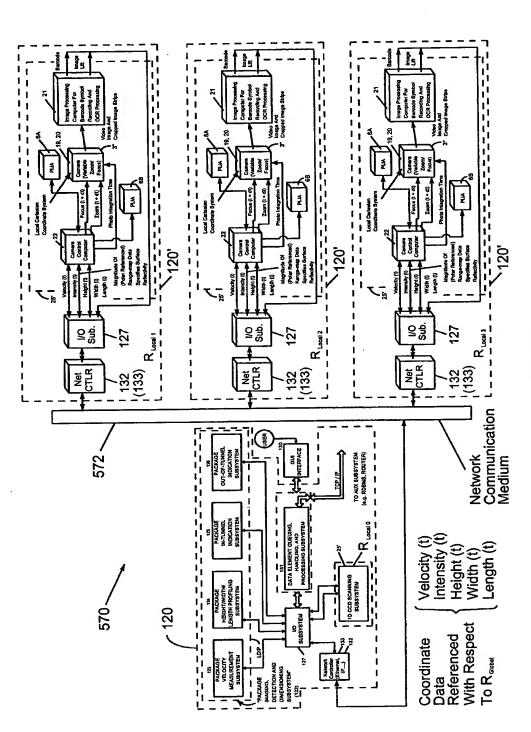


FIG. 30

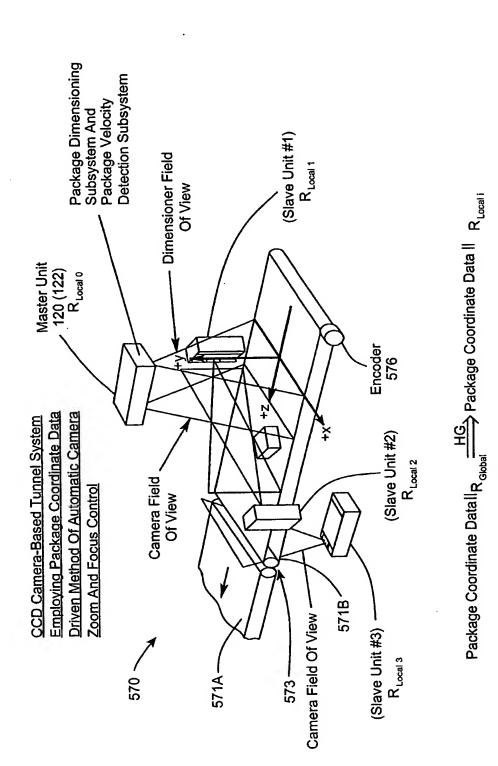


FIG. 31

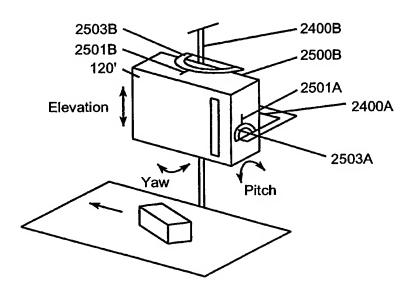


FIG. 31A

For each package transported through tunnel system, the master unit (with package dimensioning subsystem and velocity detection subsystem) generates package height, width, length and velocity data (H, W, L, V) $_{\rm G}$, referenced with respect to global coordinate reference system R $_{\rm global}$, and transmits such package dimension data to each slave unit downstream, using the systems data communications network.

Each slave unit receives the transmitted package height, width and length data $\{H, W, L, V\}_G$ and converts this coordinate information into the slave unit's local coordinate reference system R_{Local} , $\{H, W, L, V\}_I$

The camera control computer in each slave unit uses the converted package height, width, length data {H, W, L}_i and package velocity data to generate camera control signals for driving the camera subsystem in the slave unit to zoom and focus in on the transported package as it moves by the slave unit, while ensuring that captured images having substantially constant O.P.I. Resolution and 1:1 aspect ratio.

A

FIG. 32A

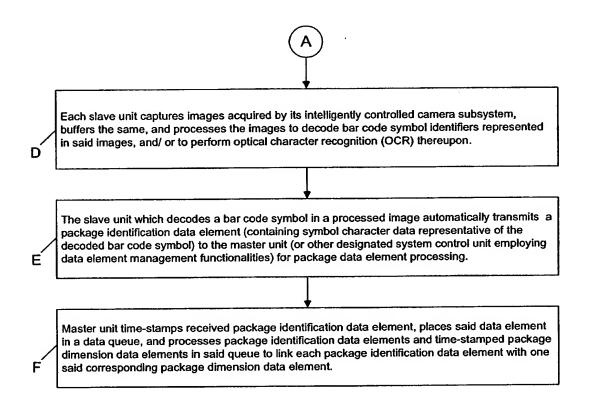


FIG. 32B

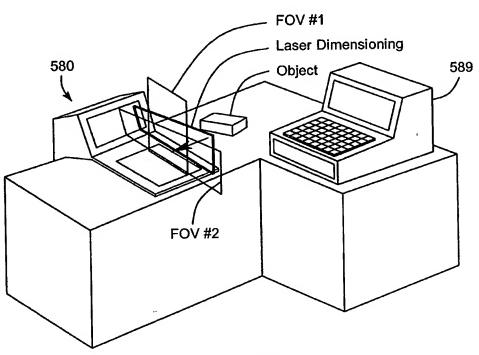


FIG. 33A

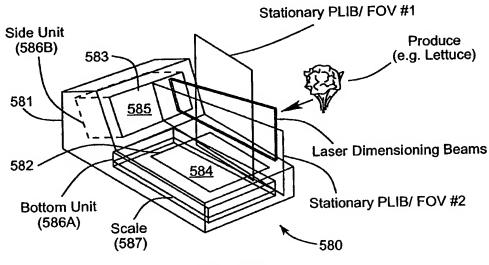


FIG. 33B

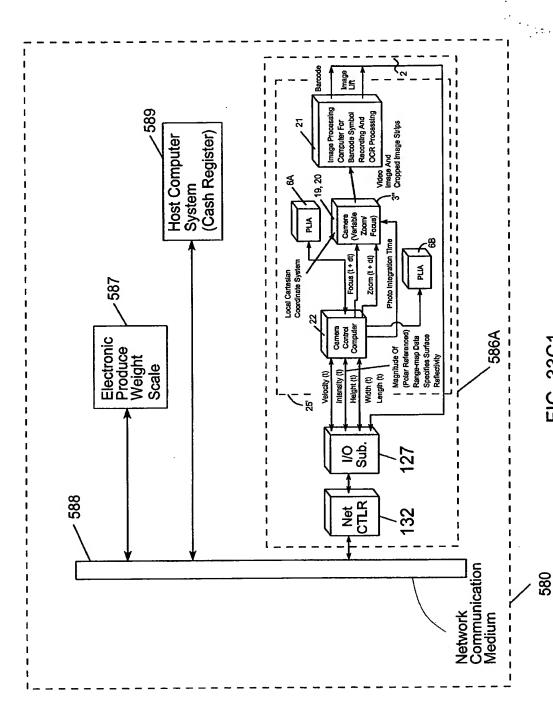


FIG. 33C1

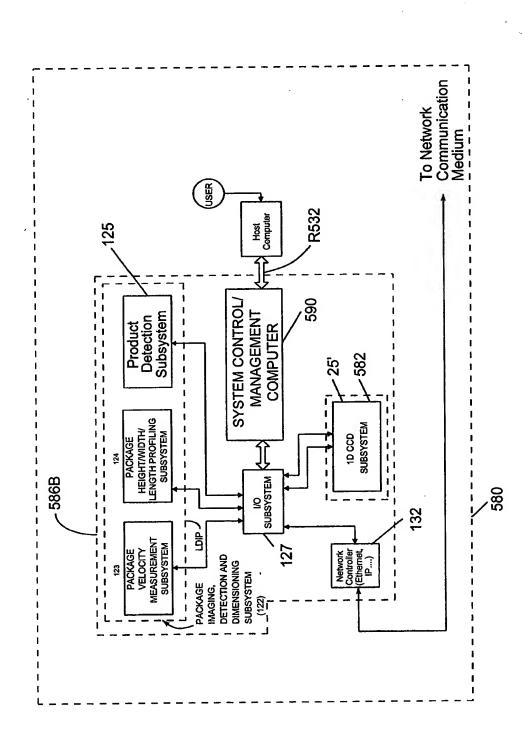


FIG. 33C2

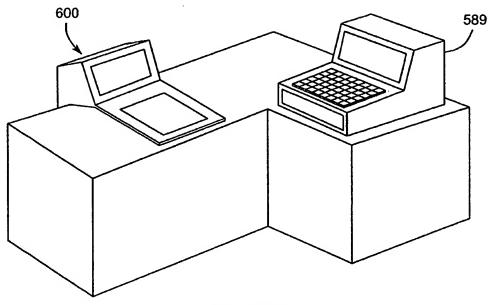


FIG. 34A

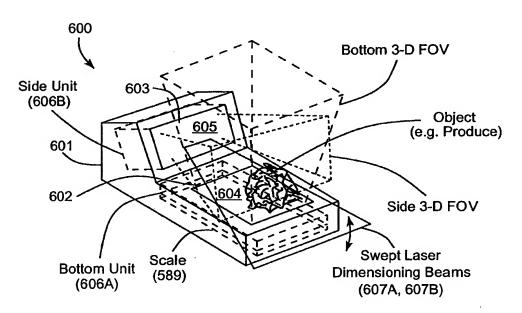
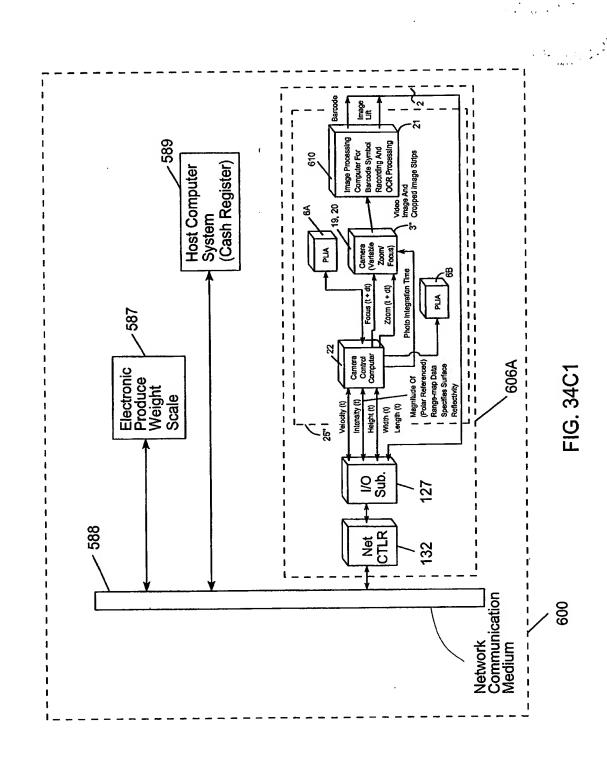


FIG. 34B



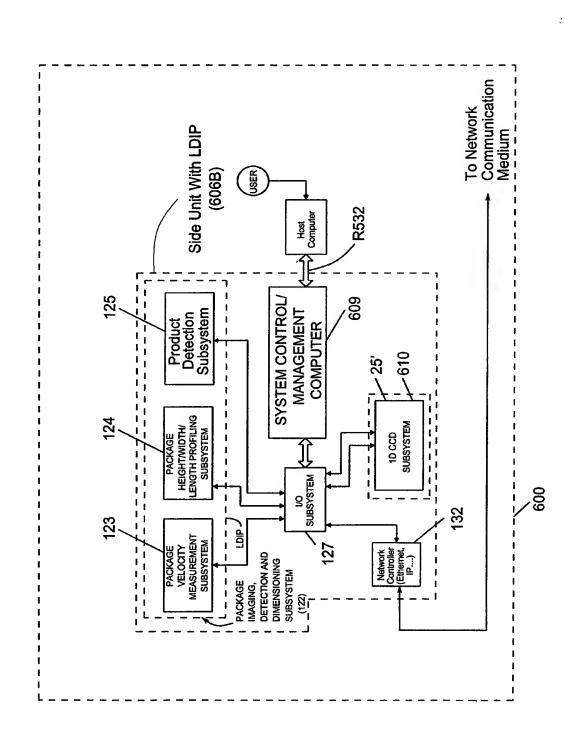


FIG. 34C;

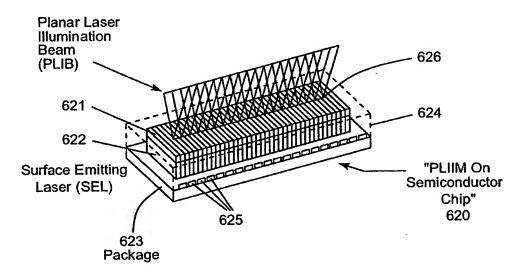


FIG. 35A

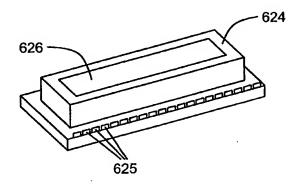
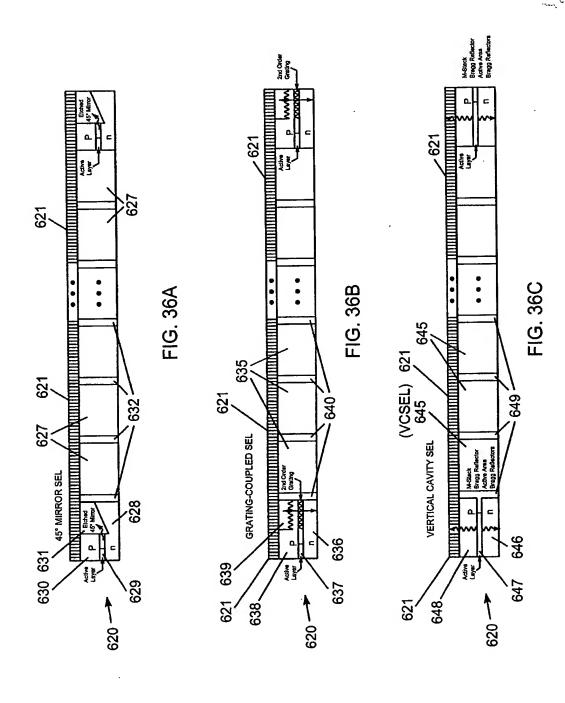


FIG. 35B



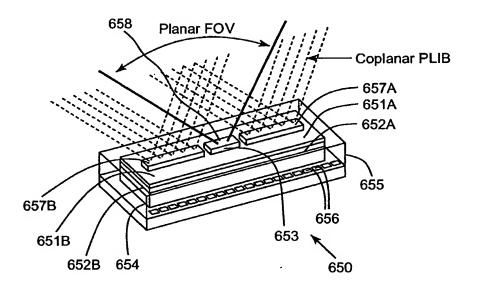


FIG. 37

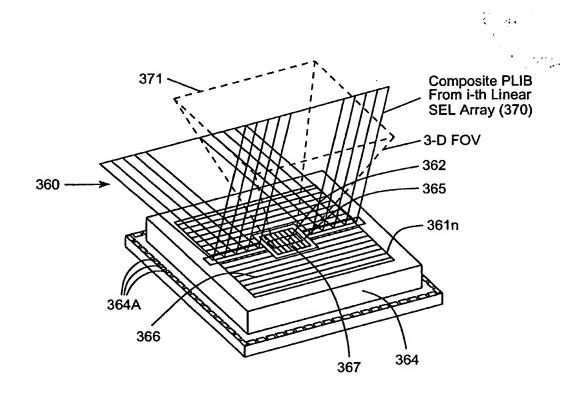


FIG. 38A

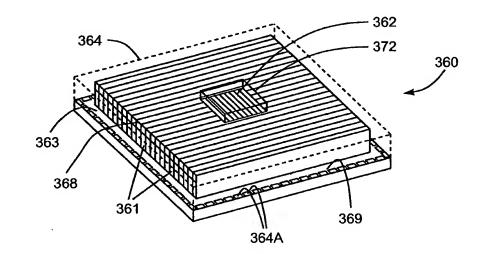


FIG. 38B

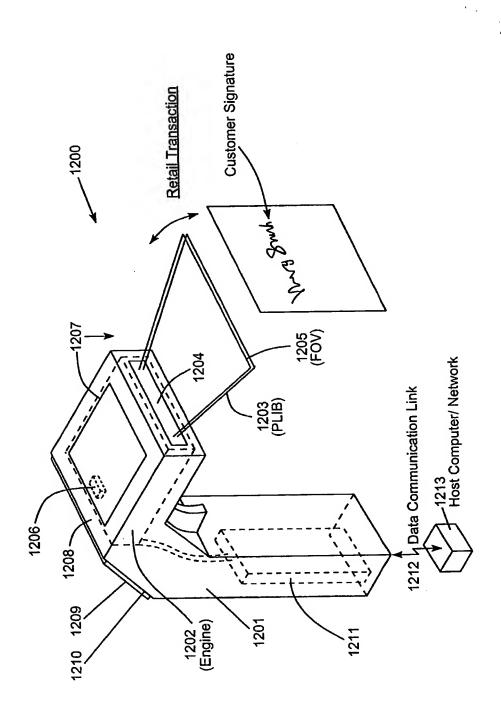


FIG. 39A

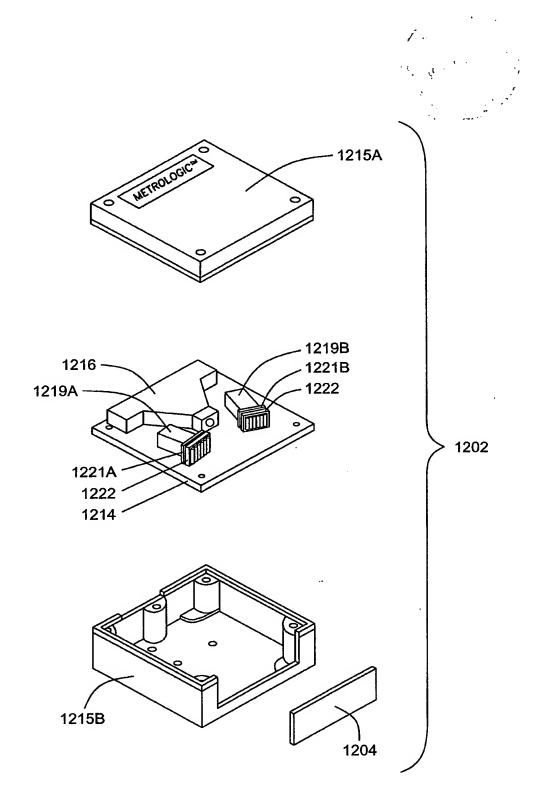


FIG. 39B

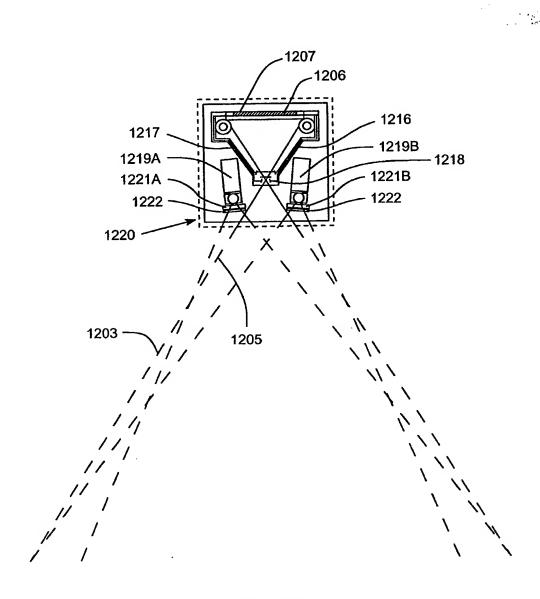


FIG. 39C

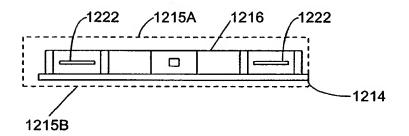


FIG. 39D

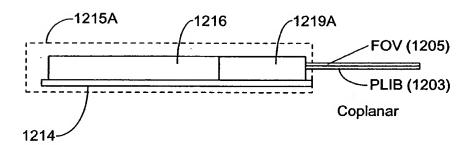


FIG. 39E

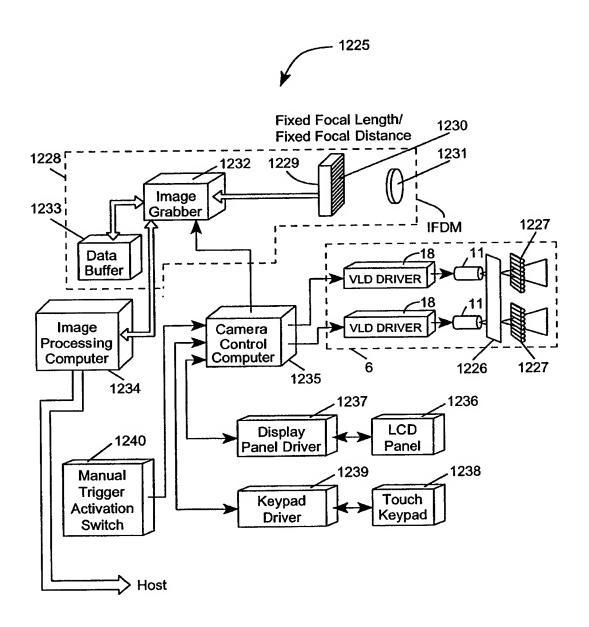
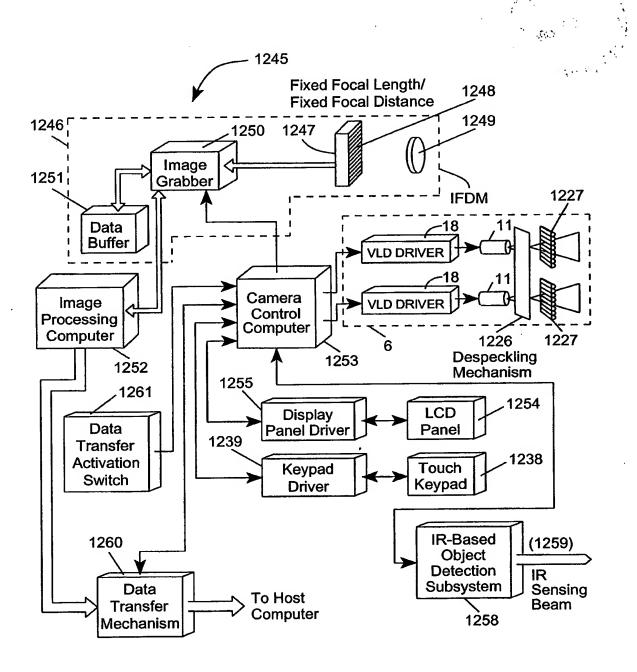
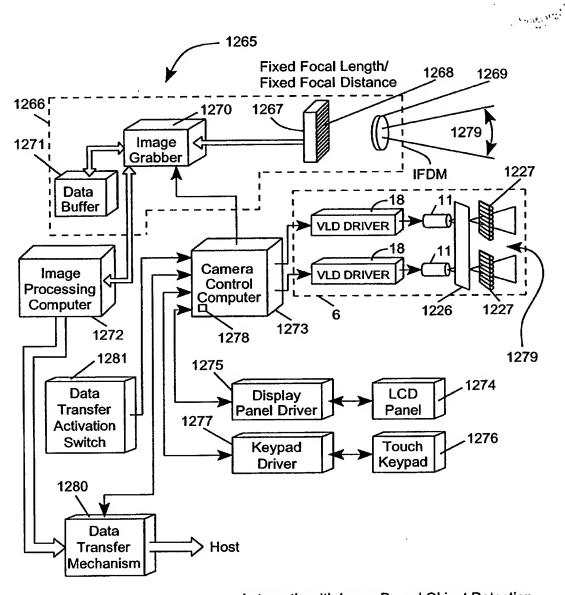


FIG. 40A1



Automatic with IR Object Detection

FIG. 40A2



Automatic with Laser Based Object Detection

FIG. 40A3

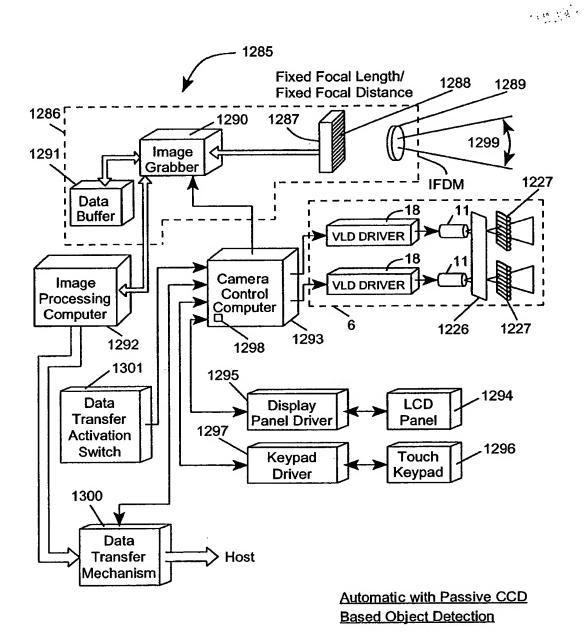


FIG. 40A4

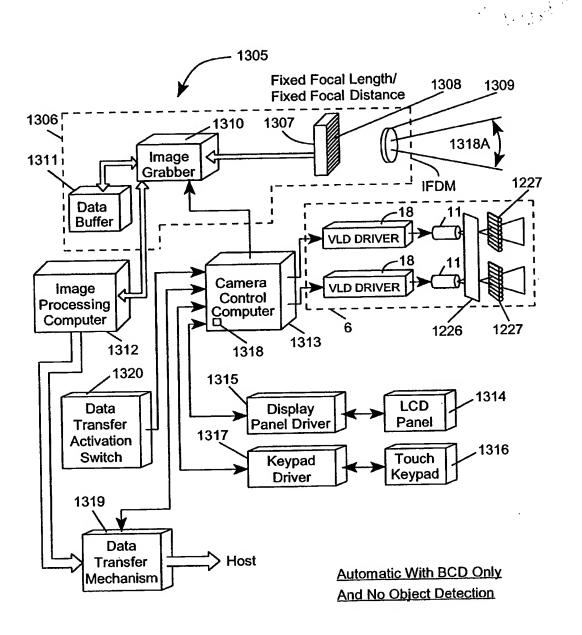


FIG. 40A5

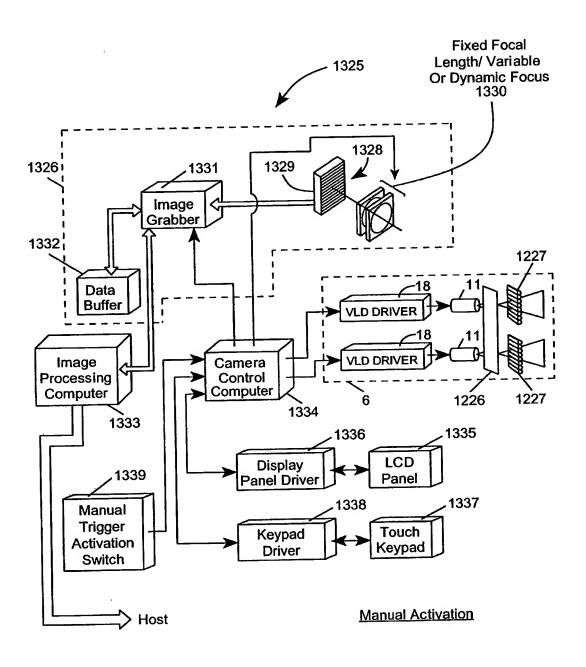
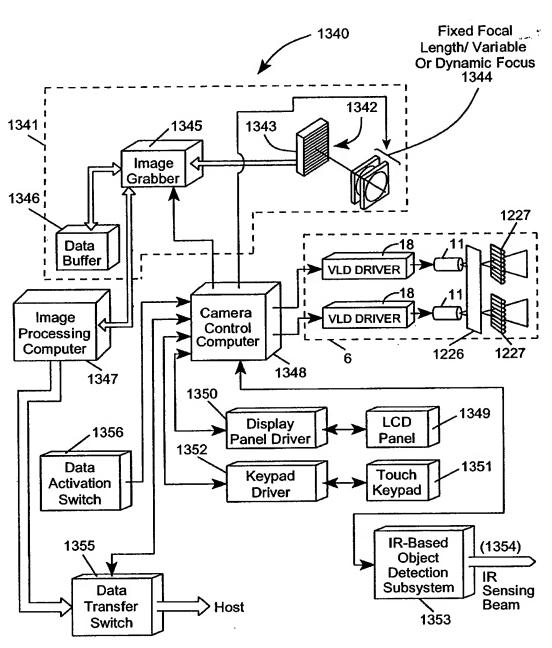


FIG. 40B1



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FIG. 40B2

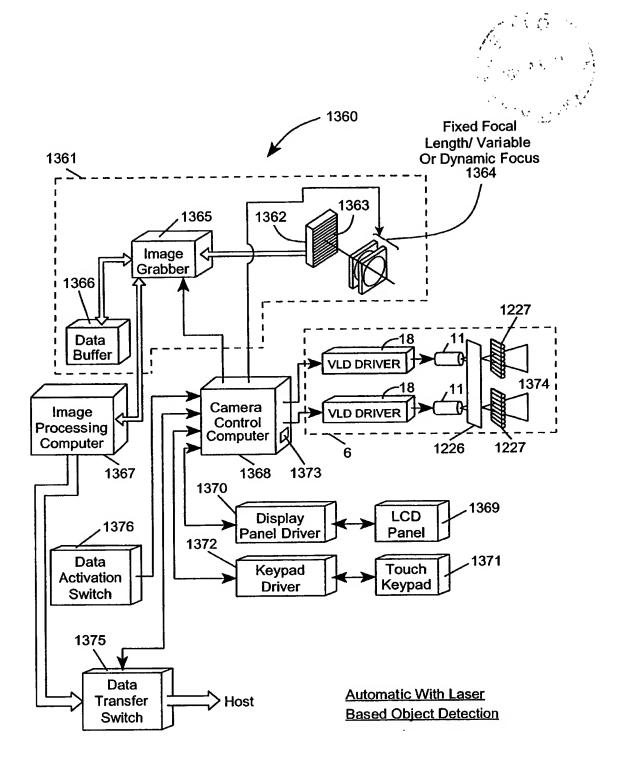


FIG. 40B3

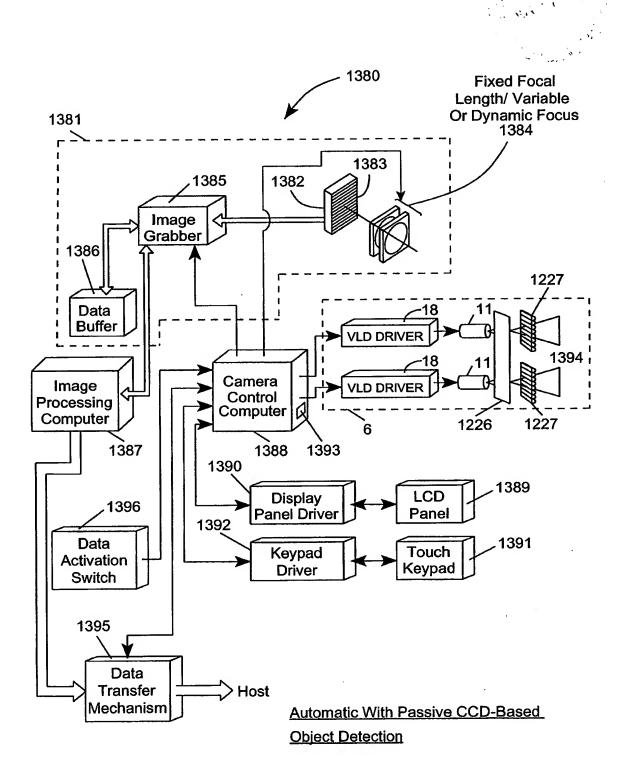


FIG. 40B4

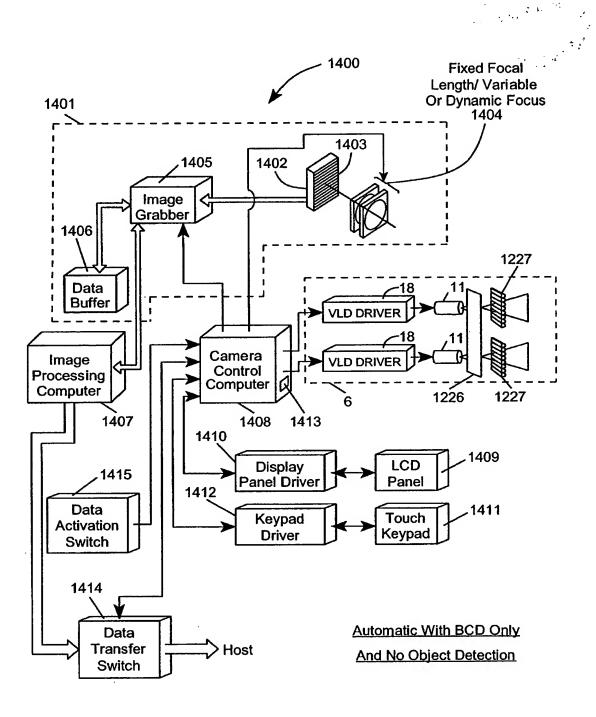


FIG. 40B5

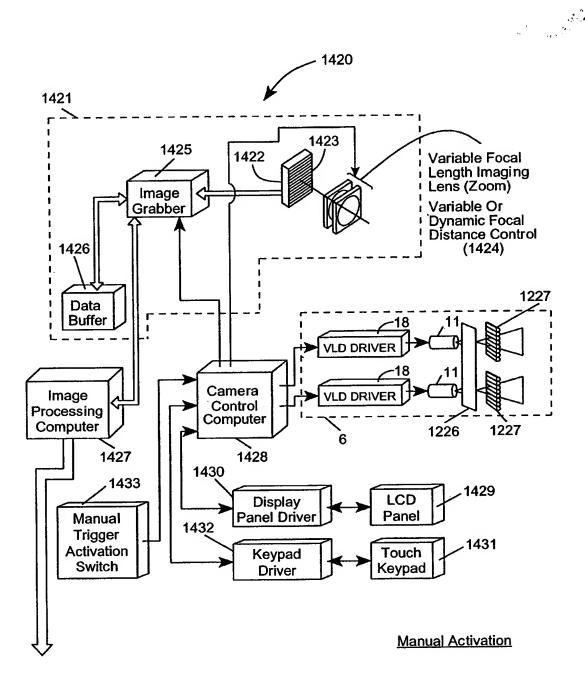


FIG. 40C1

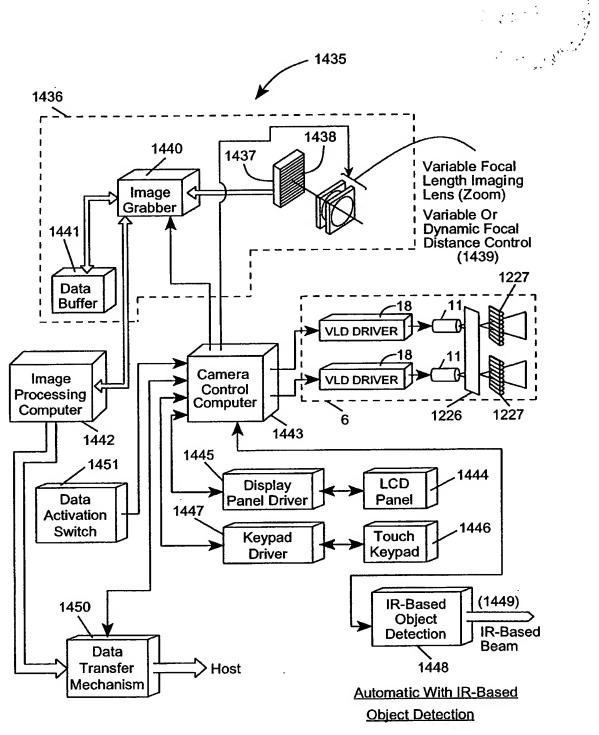


FIG. 40C2

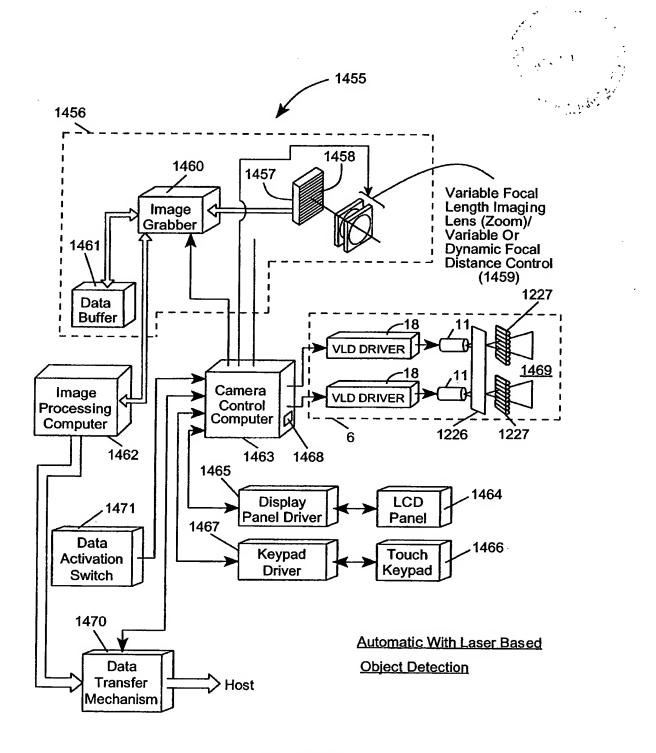


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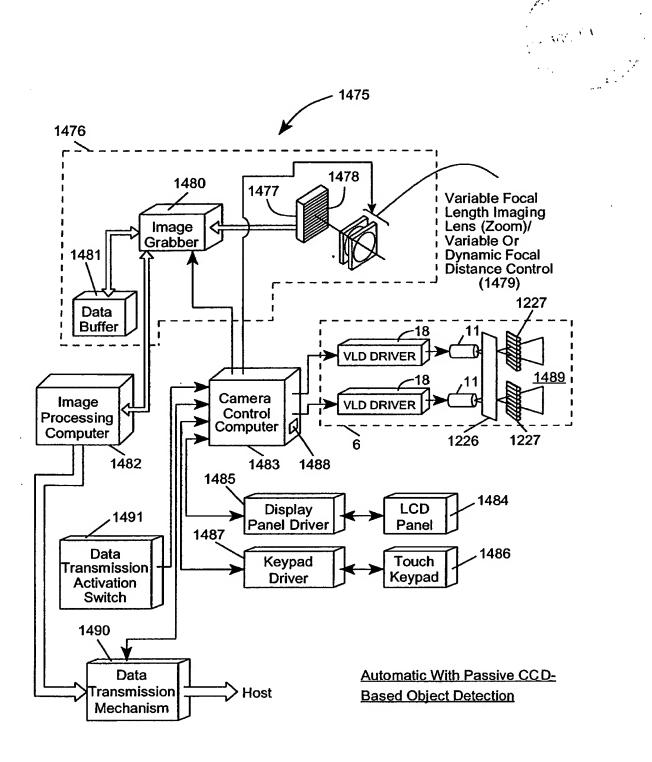


FIG. 40C4

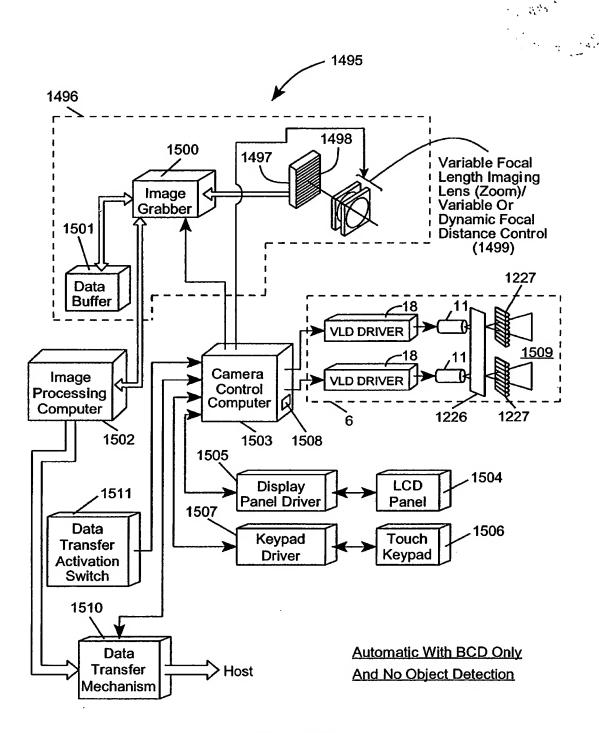


FIG. 40C5

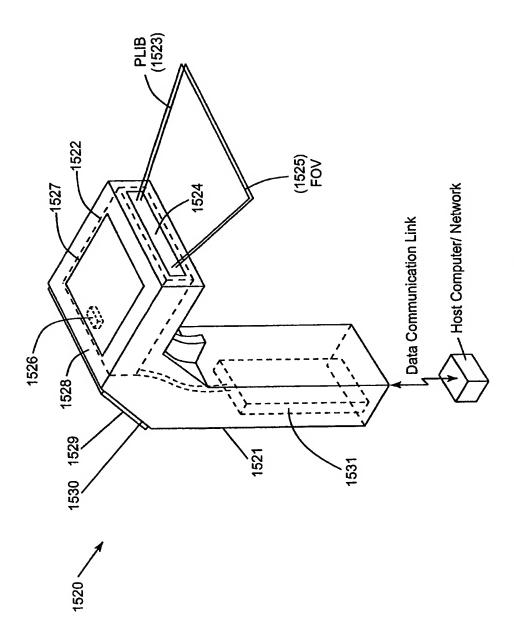
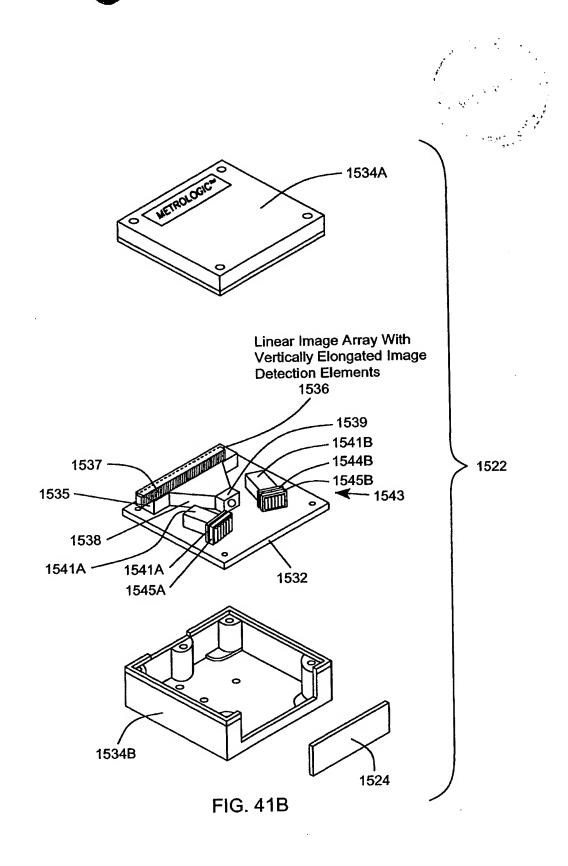


FIG. 41A



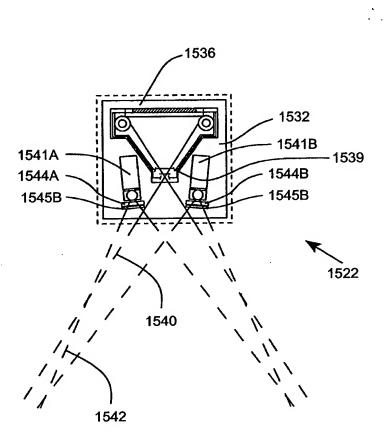


FIG. 41C

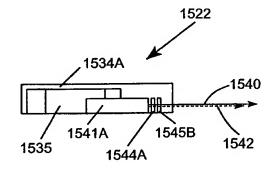


FIG. 41D

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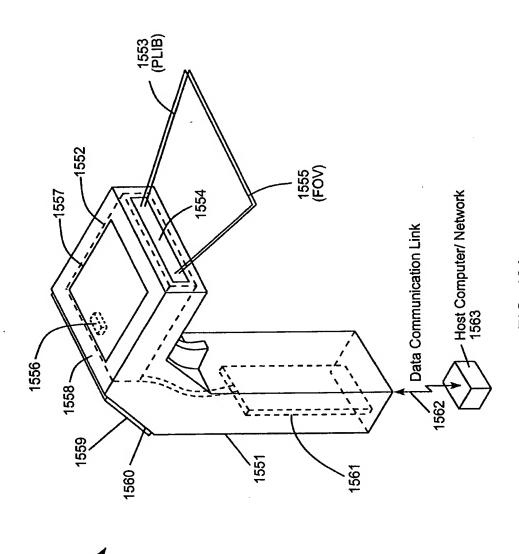


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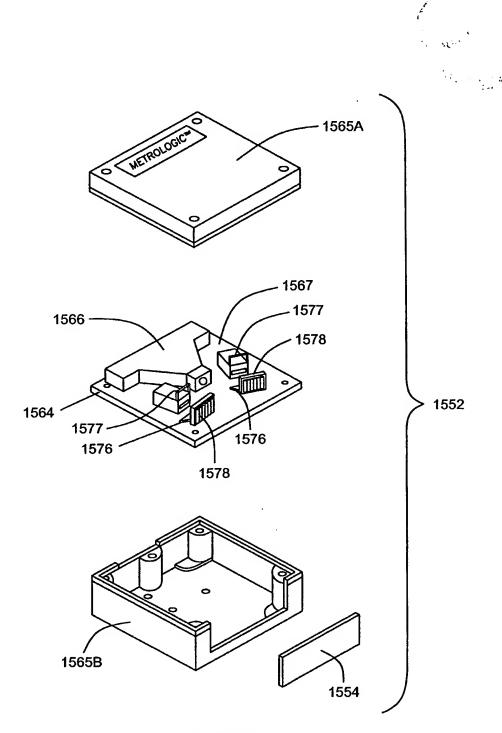


FIG. 42B

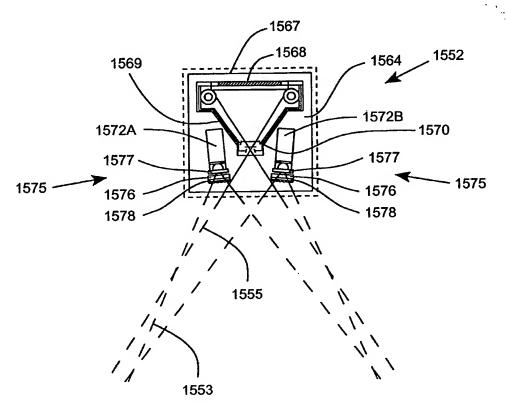


FIG. 42C

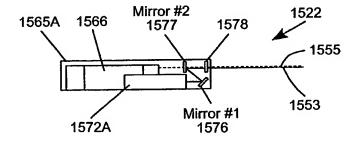


FIG. 42D

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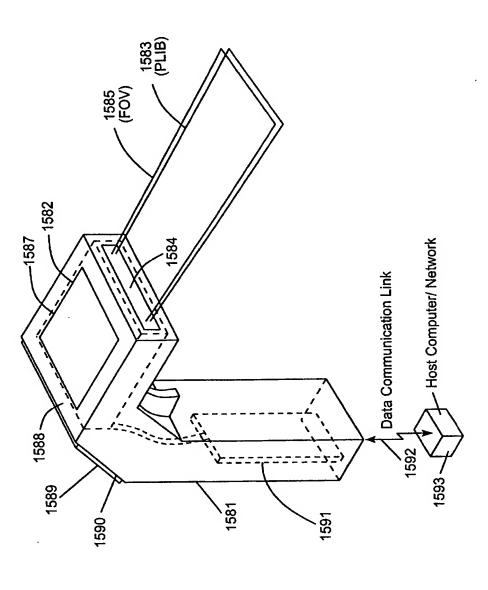


FIG. 43A

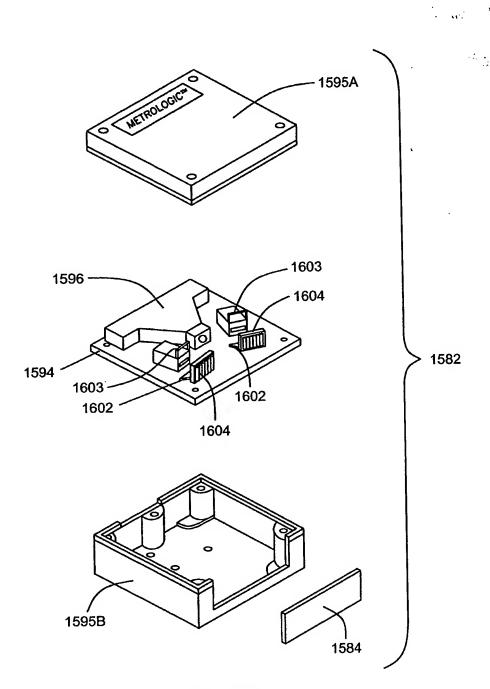
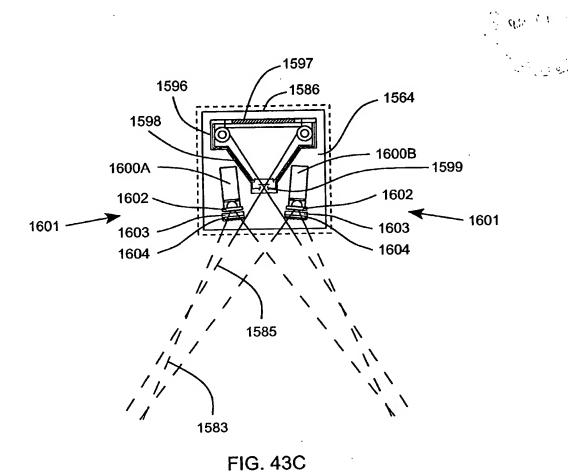


FIG. 43B



1596 1603 1604 1585

1602

FIG. 43D

1600A

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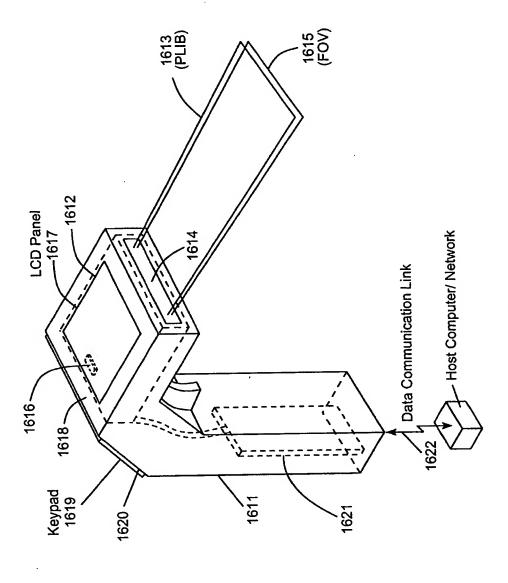


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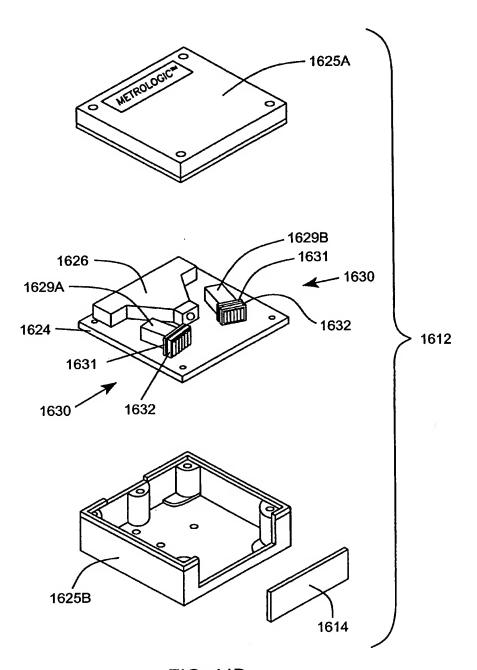


FIG. 44B

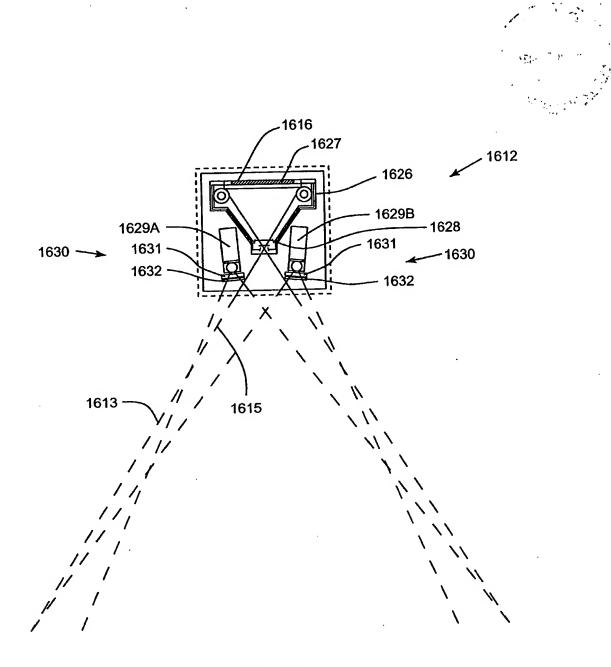


FIG. 44C

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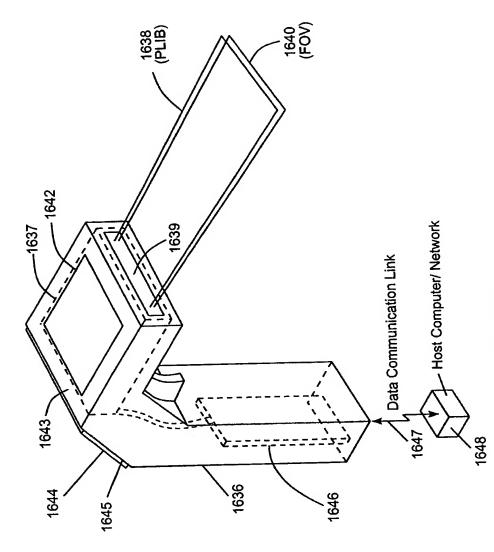


FIG. 45A

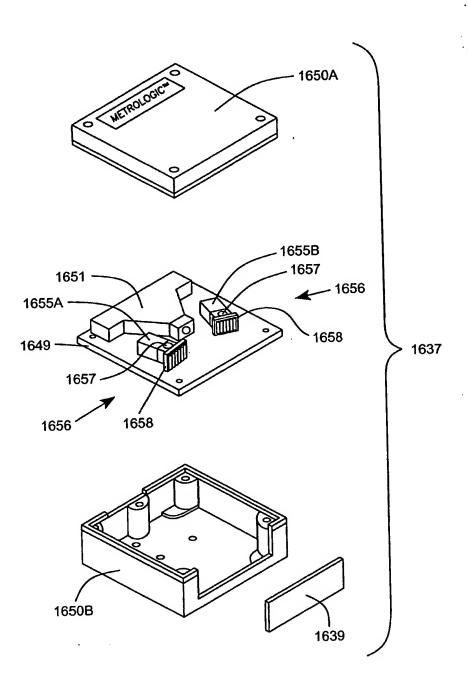


FIG. 45B

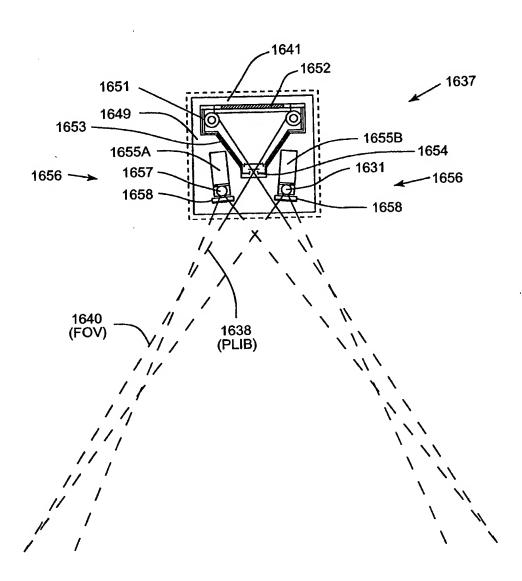


FIG. 45C

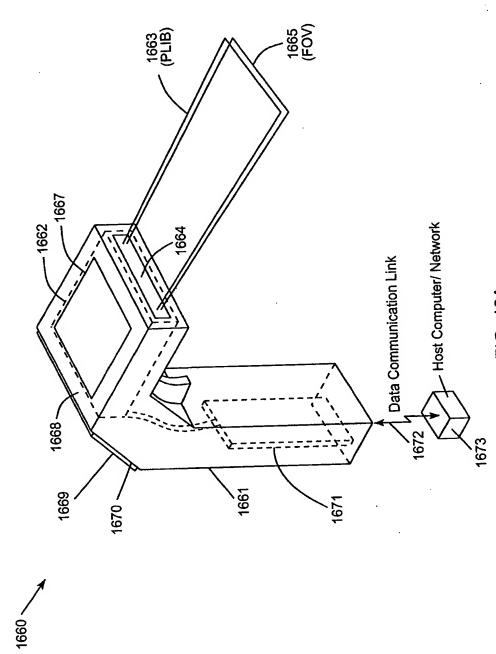


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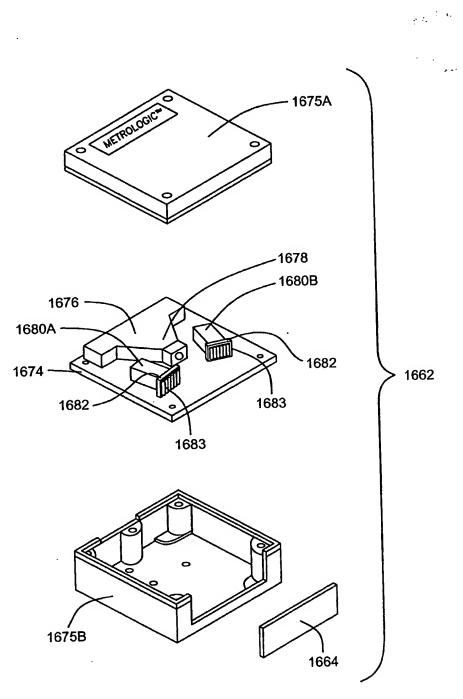


FIG. 46B

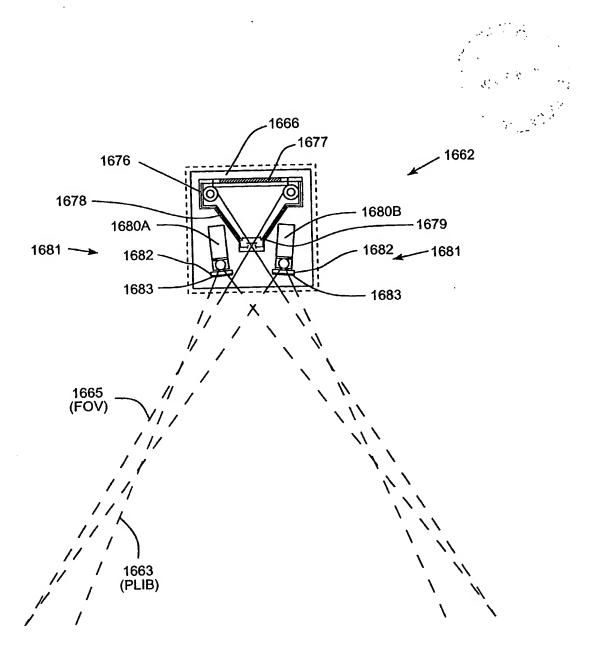


FIG. 46C

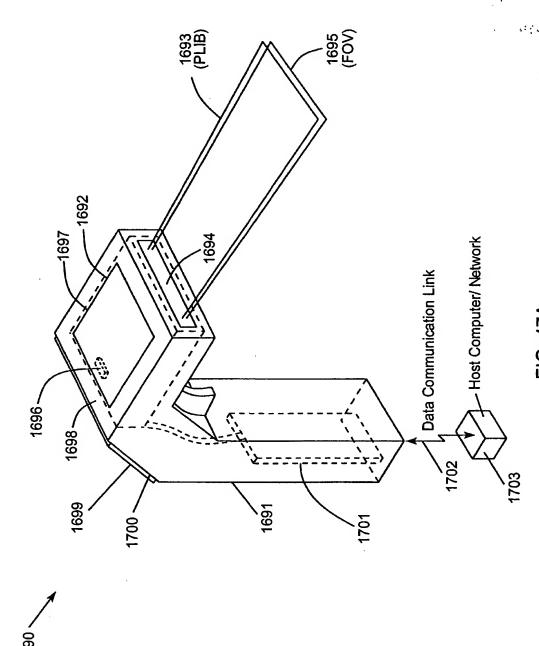


FIG. 47A

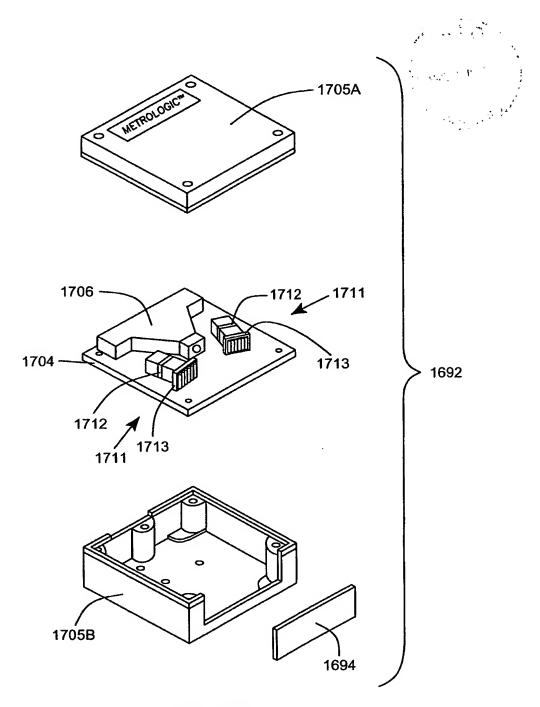


FIG. 47B

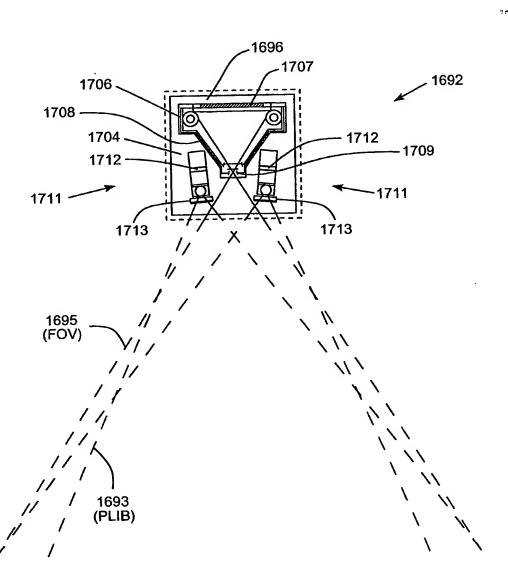


FIG. 47C

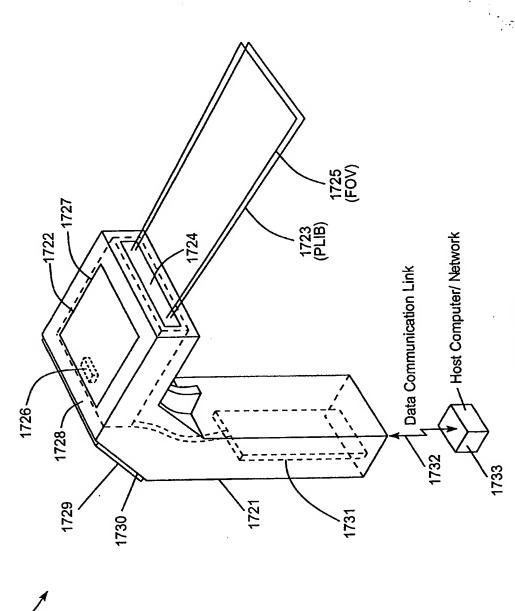


FIG. 48A

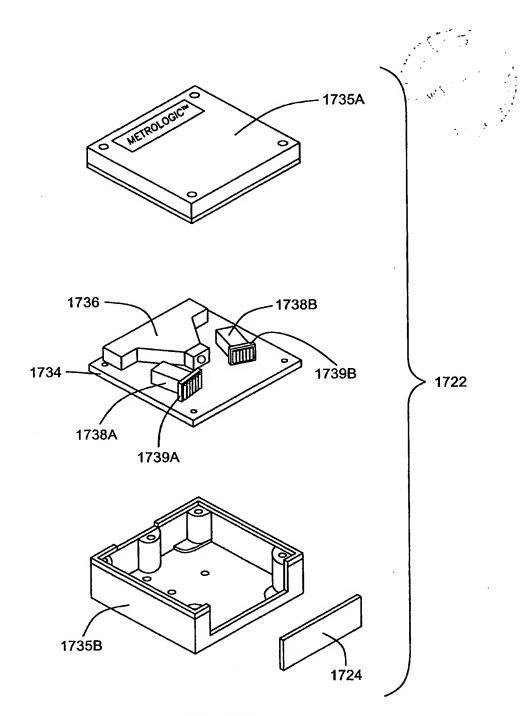


FIG. 48B

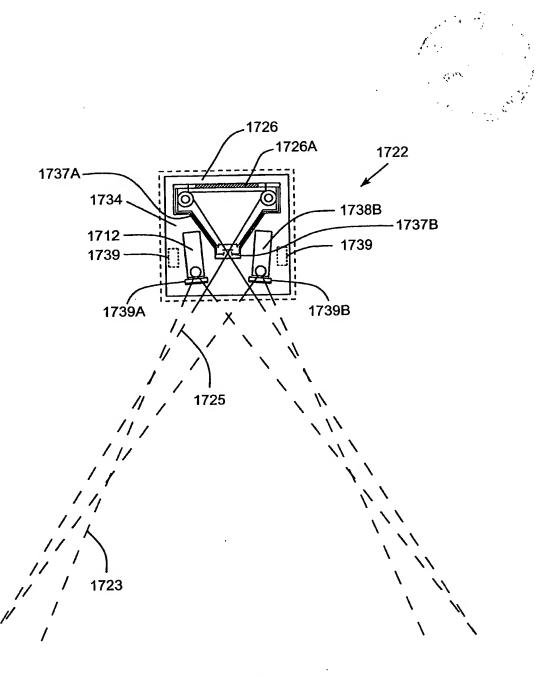
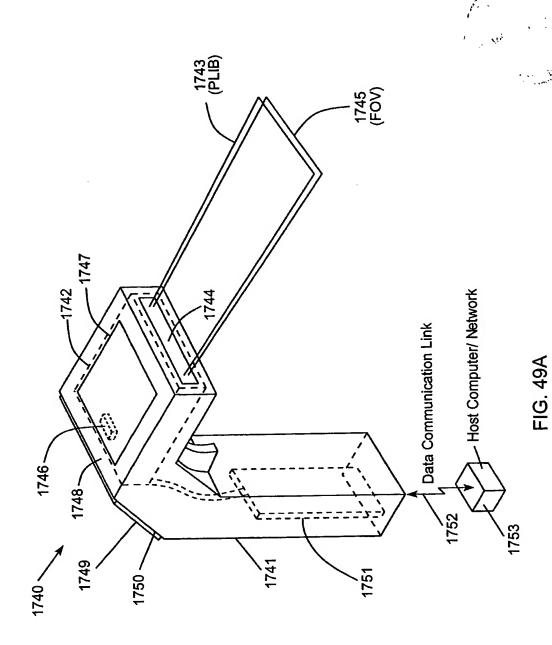


FIG. 48C



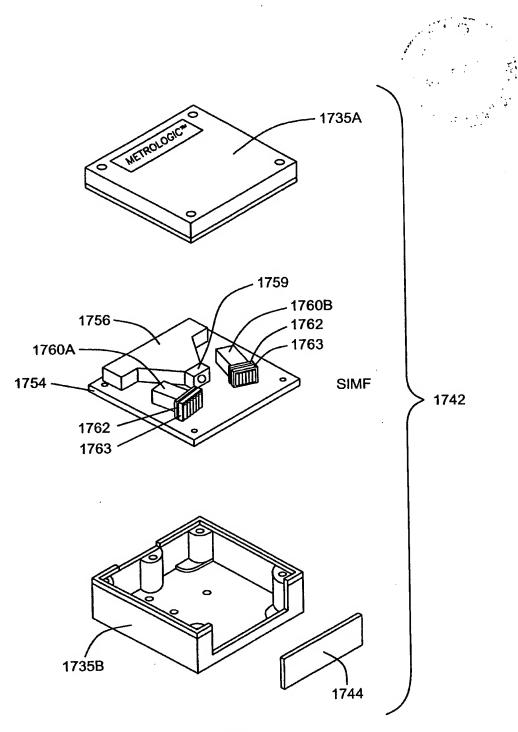


FIG. 49B

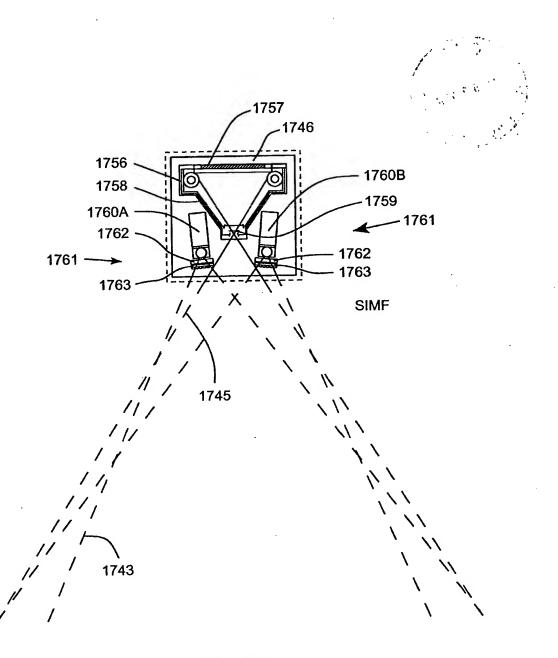
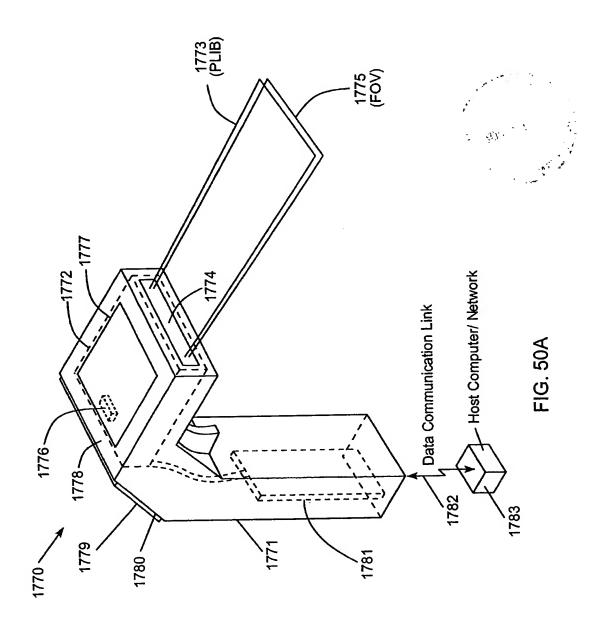


FIG. 49C



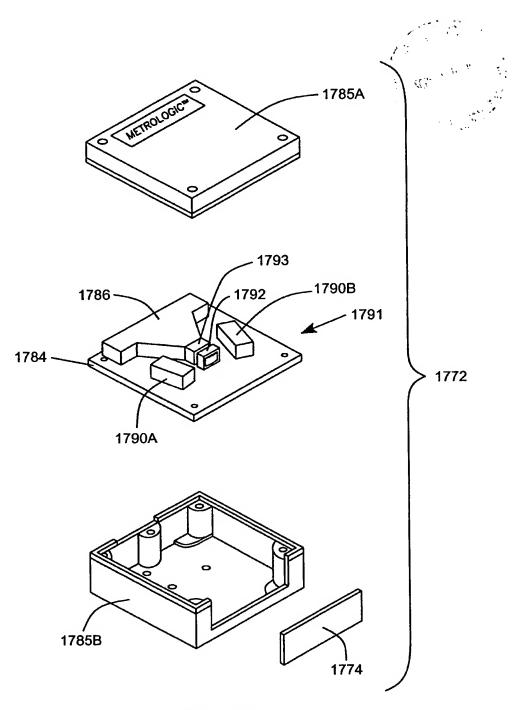


FIG. 50B

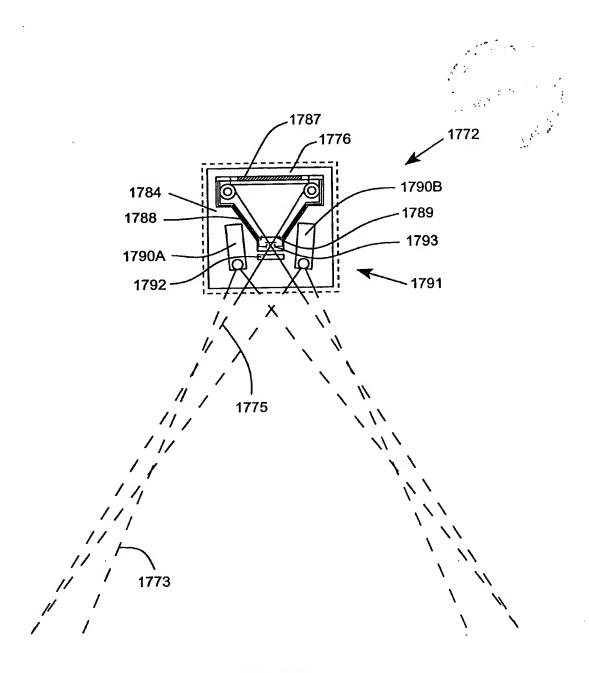
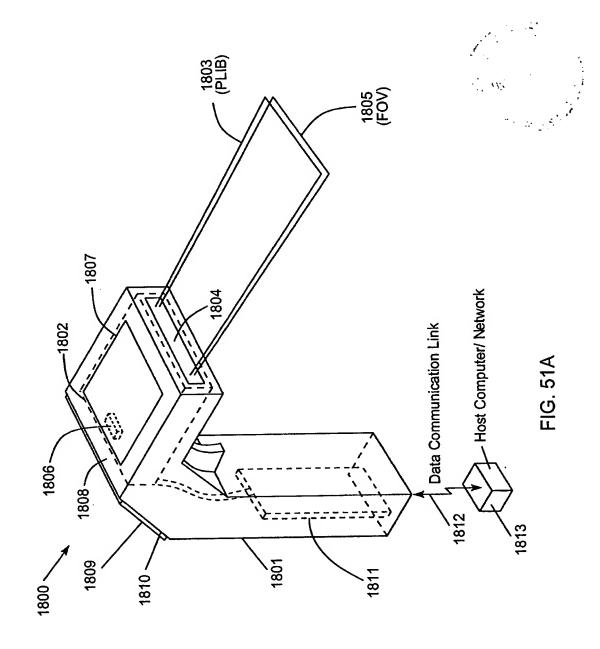


FIG. 50C



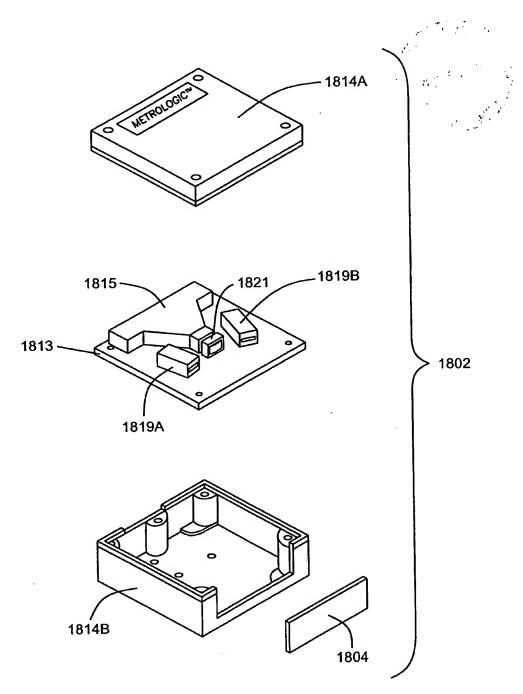


FIG. 51B

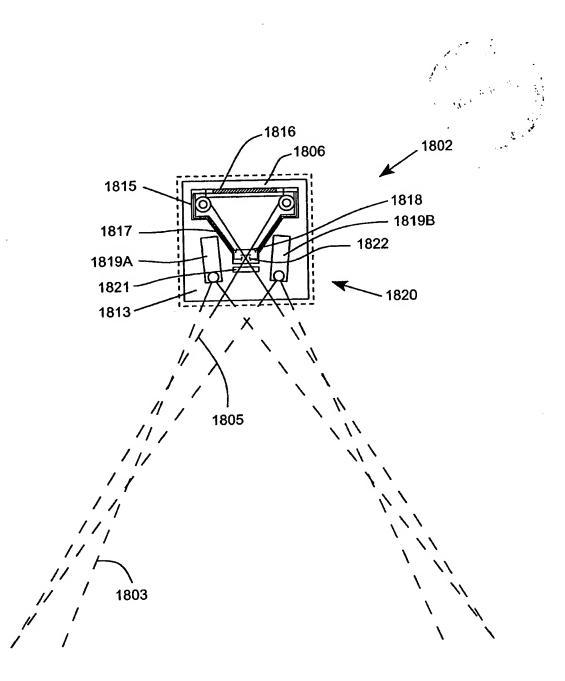


FIG. 51C

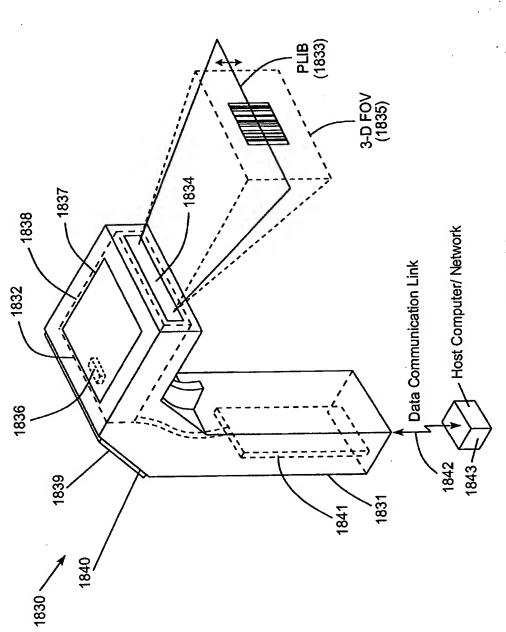


FIG. 52A

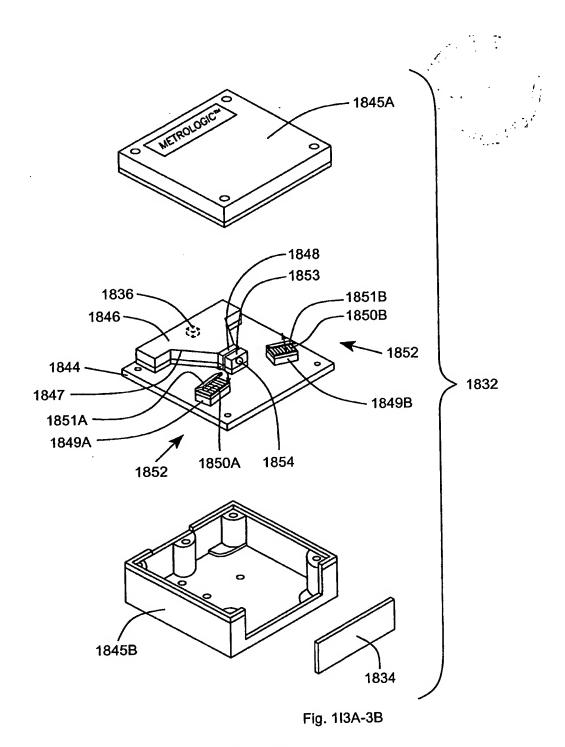
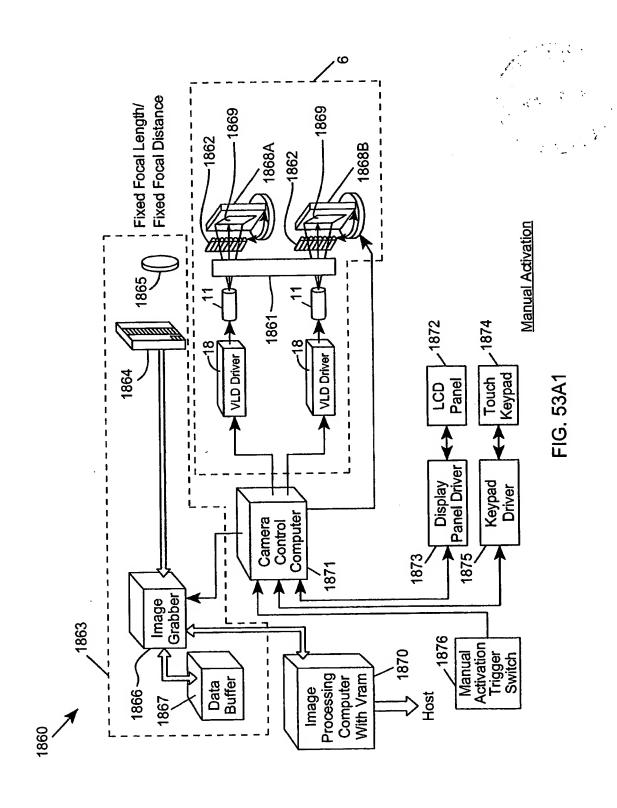


FIG. 52B



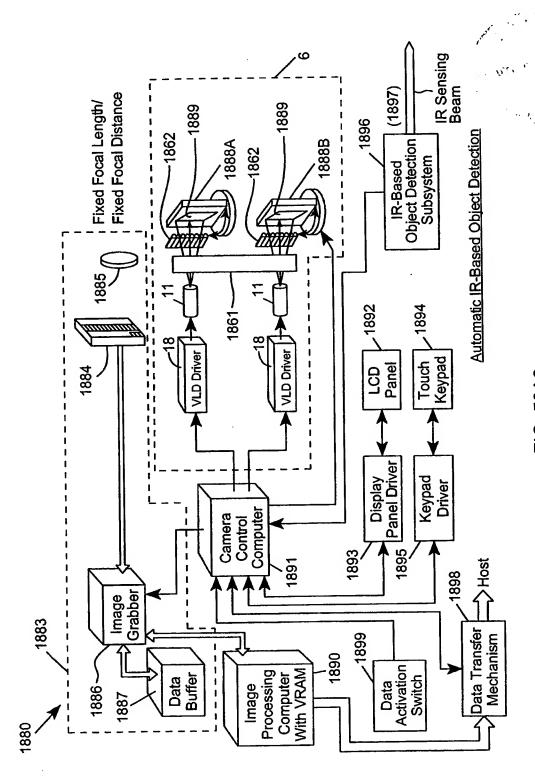


FIG. 53A2

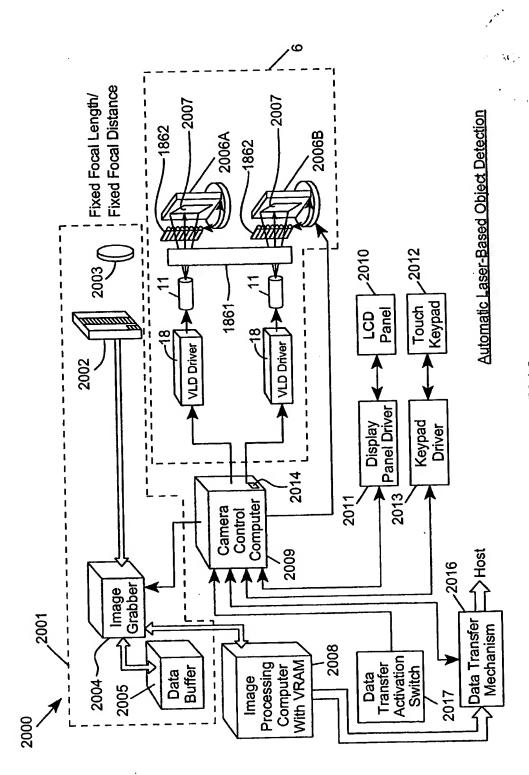


FIG. 53A3

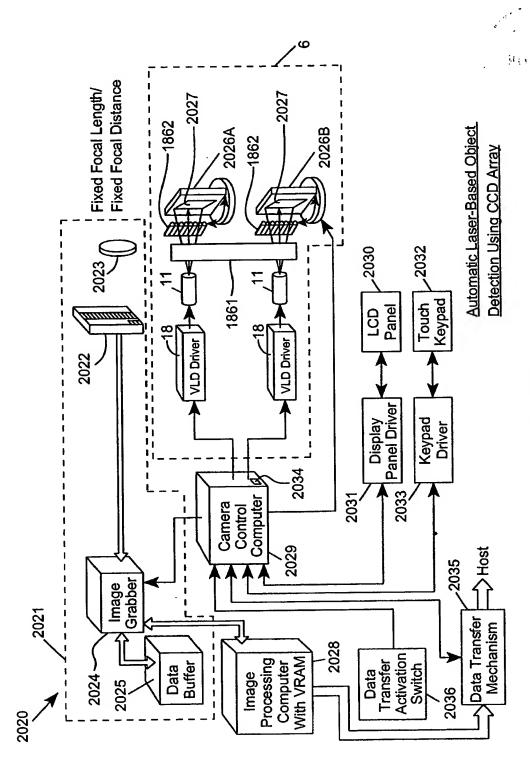


FIG. 53A4

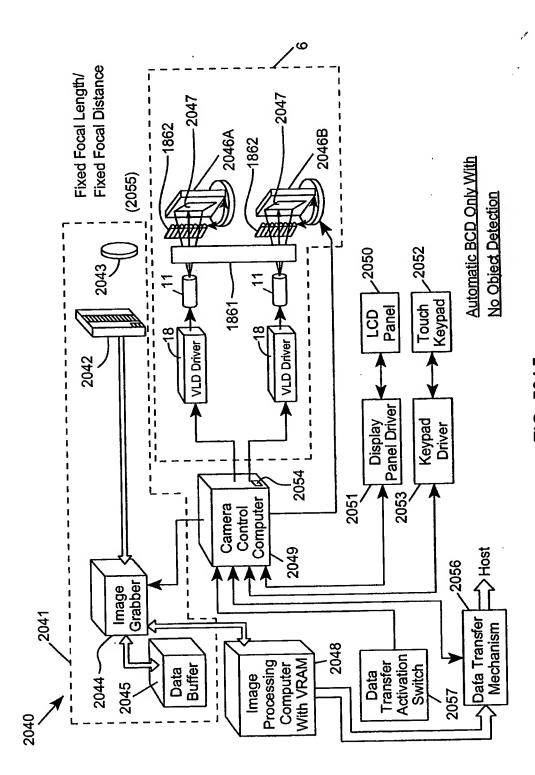


FIG. 53A5

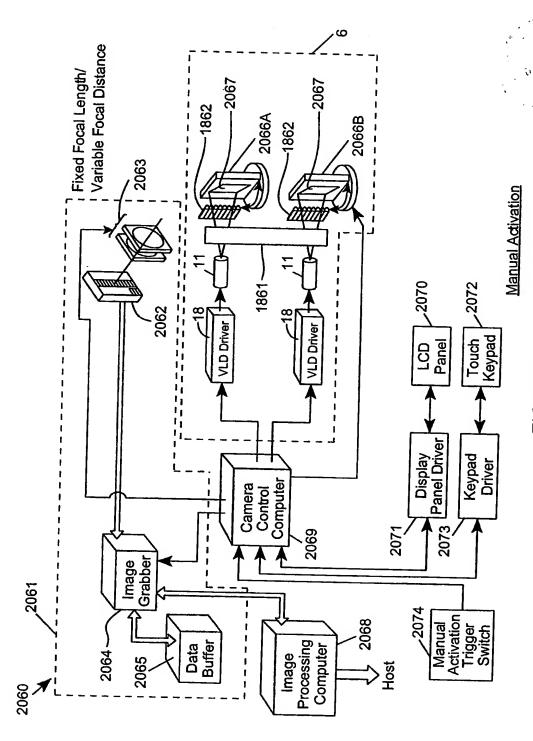
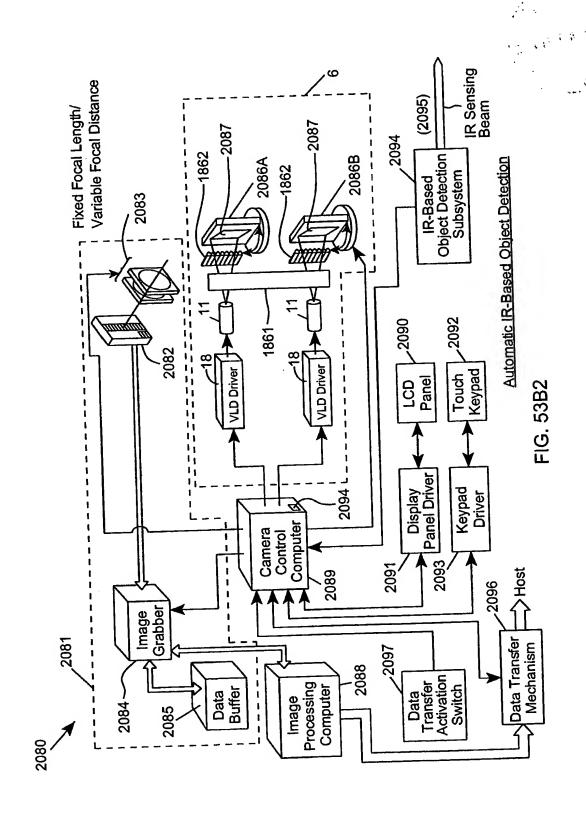
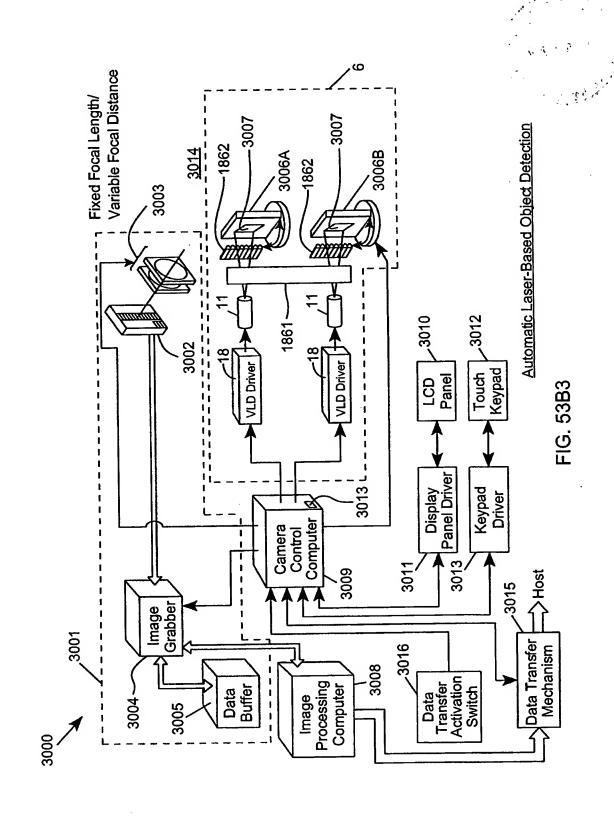
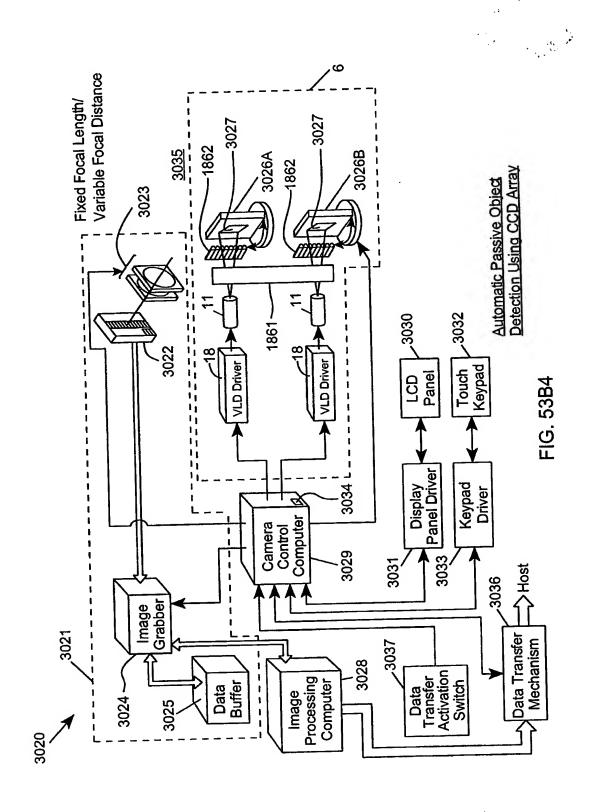
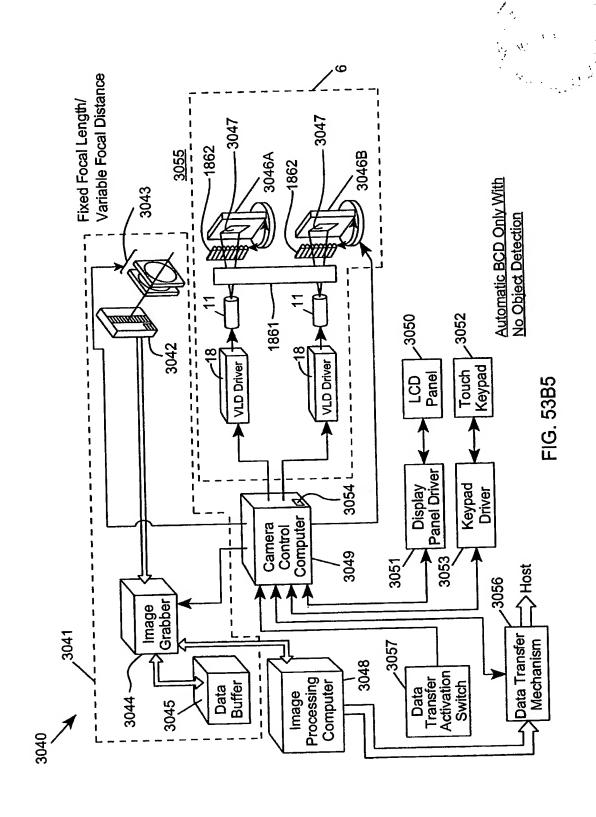


FIG. 53B1









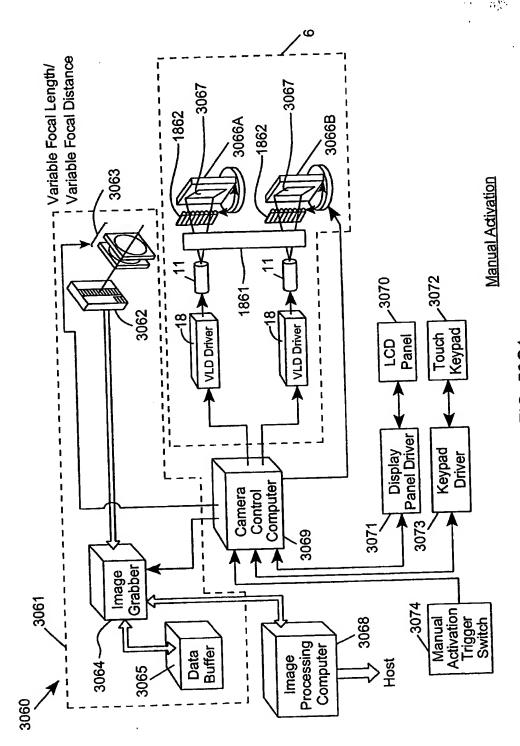
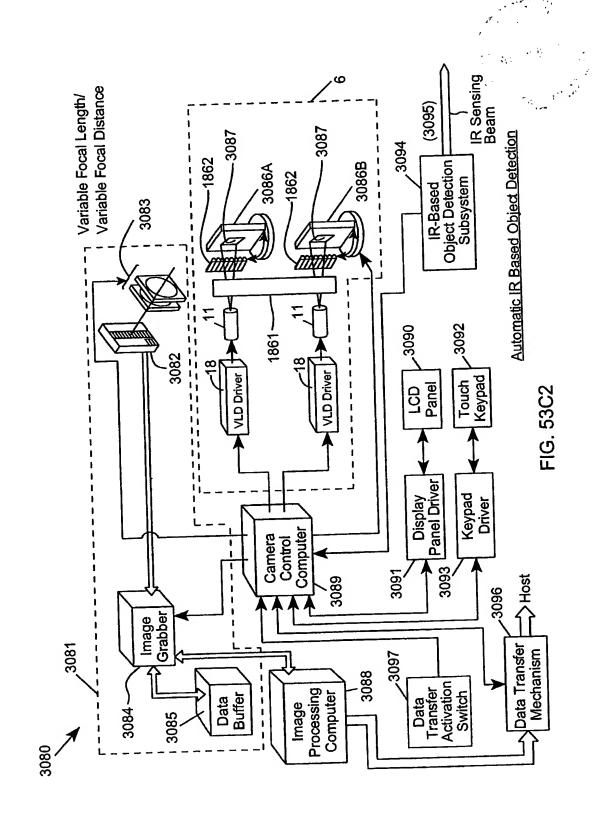
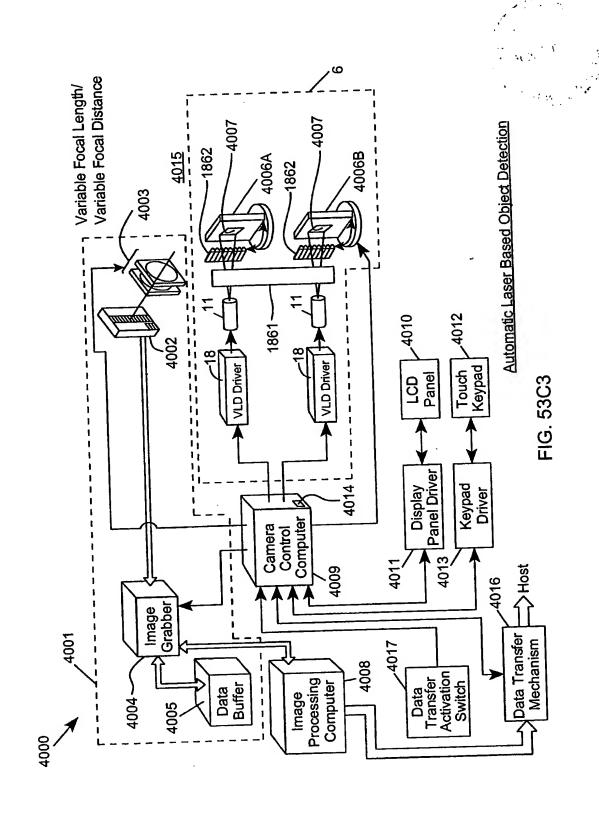
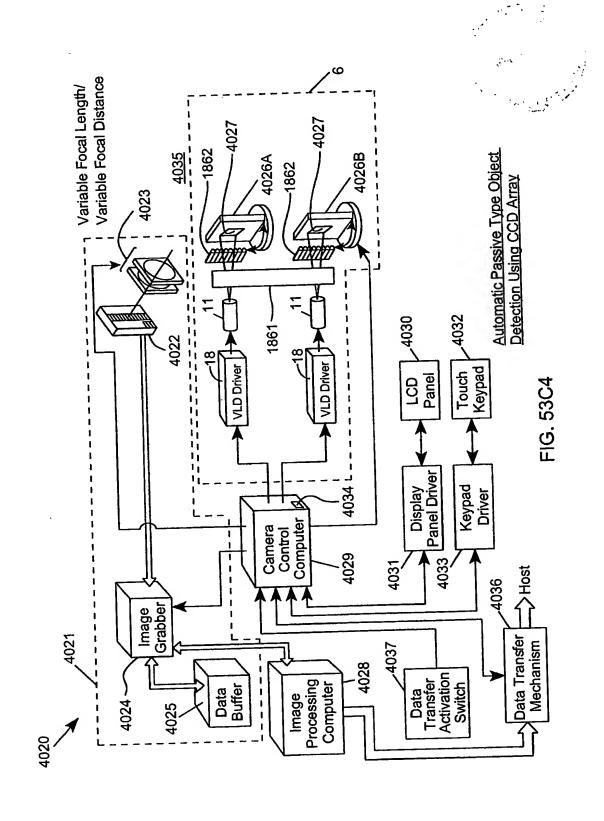
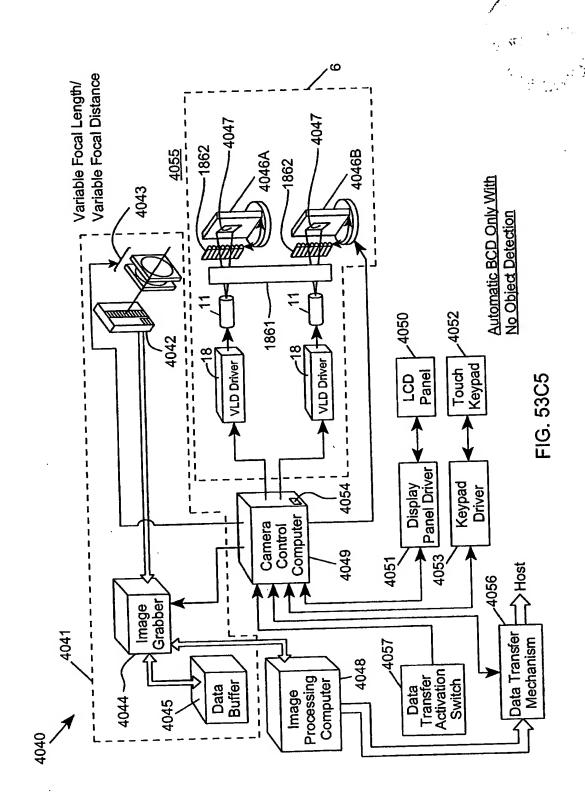


FIG. 53C1









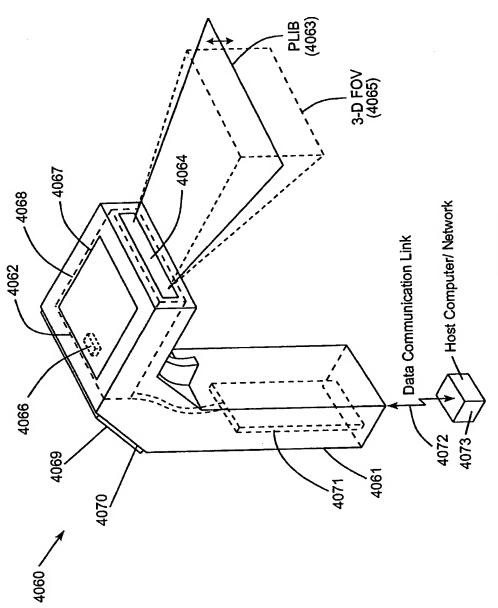


FIG. 54A

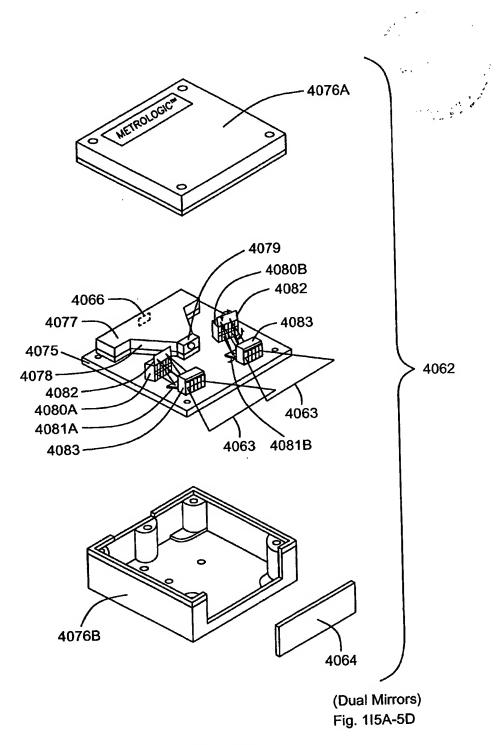


FIG. 54B

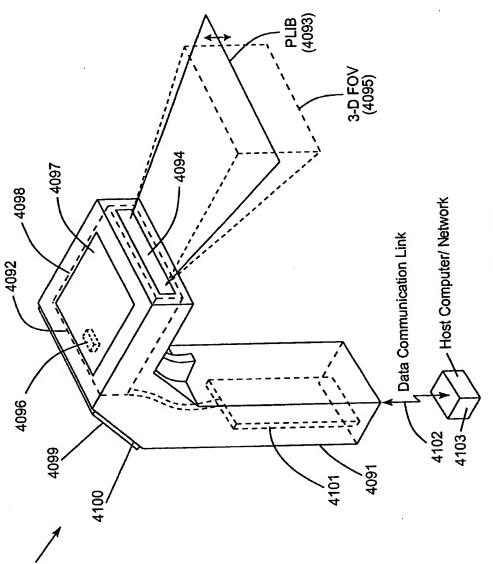


FIG. 55A

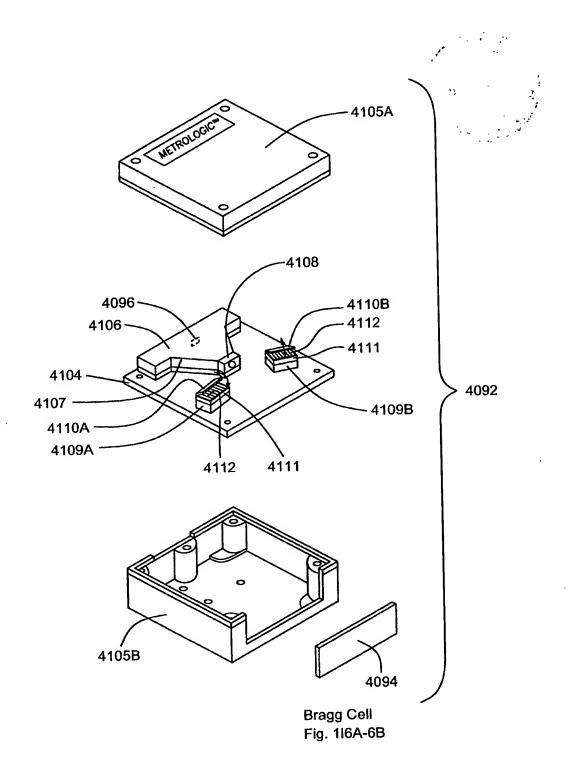
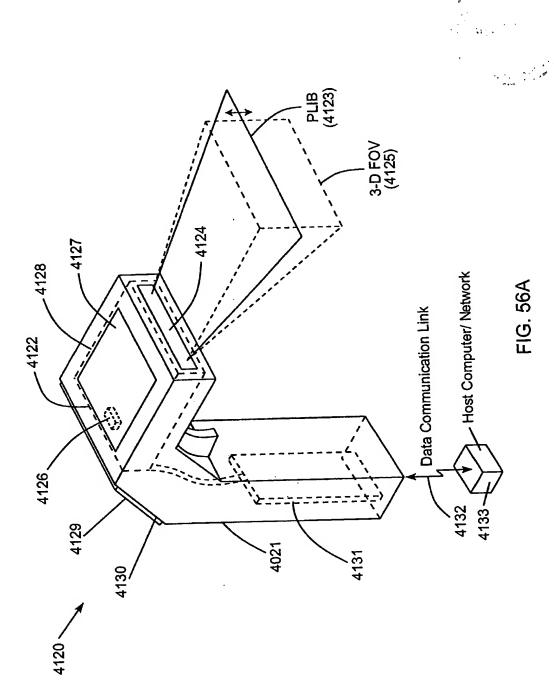


FIG. 55B



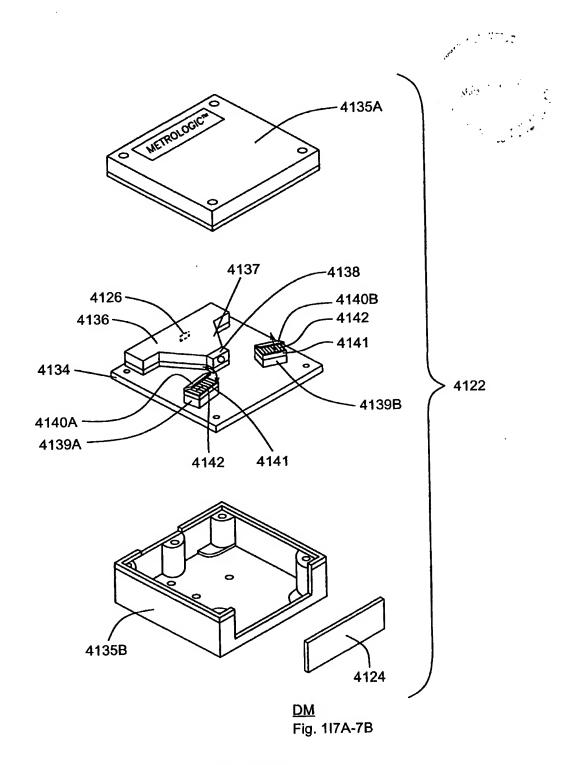
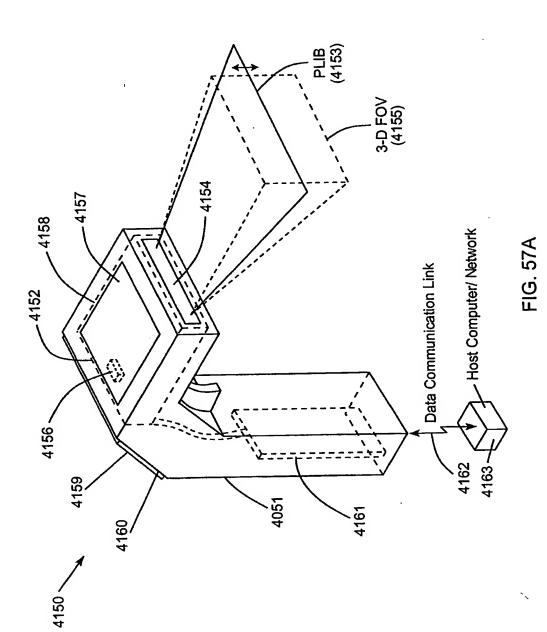


FIG. 56B



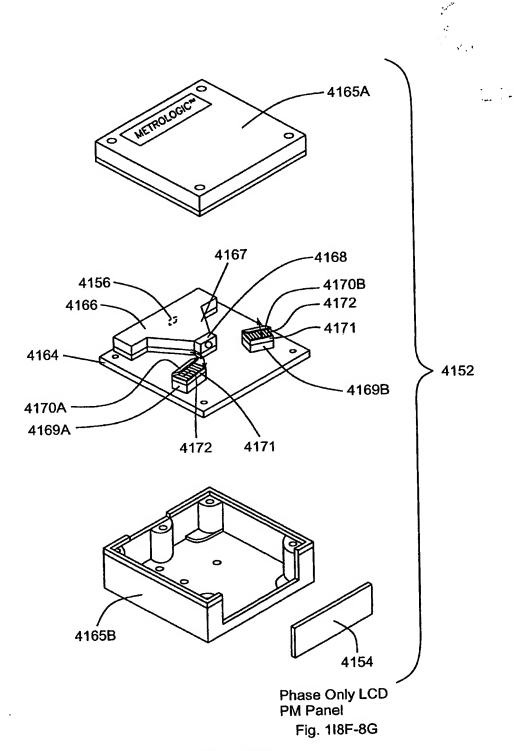
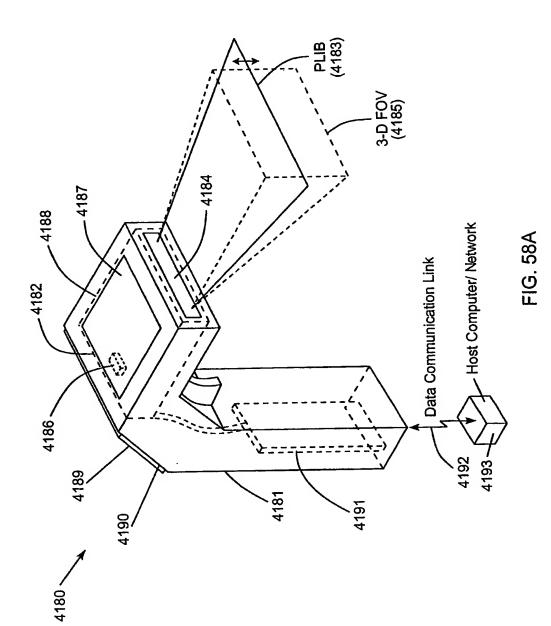
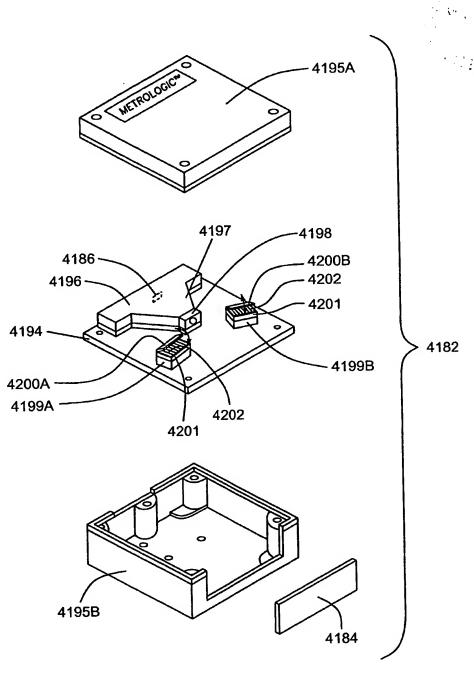


FIG. 57B



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HS Optical Shutter Fig. 1114A-14B

FIG. 58B

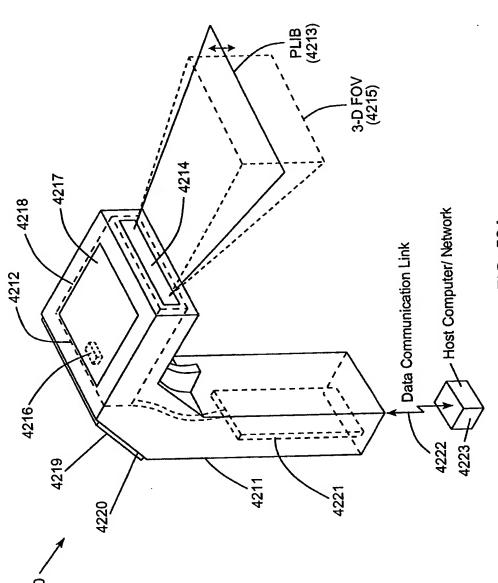


FIG. 59A

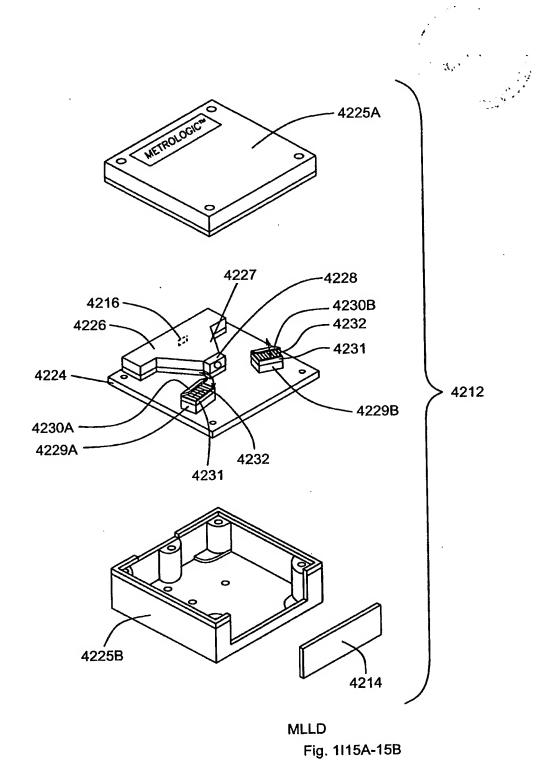


FIG. 59B

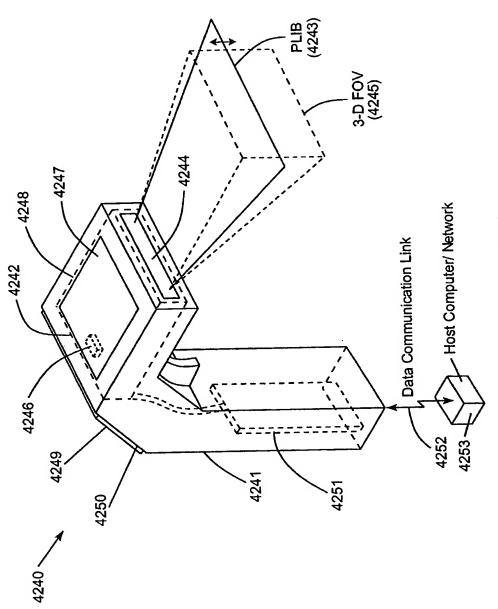
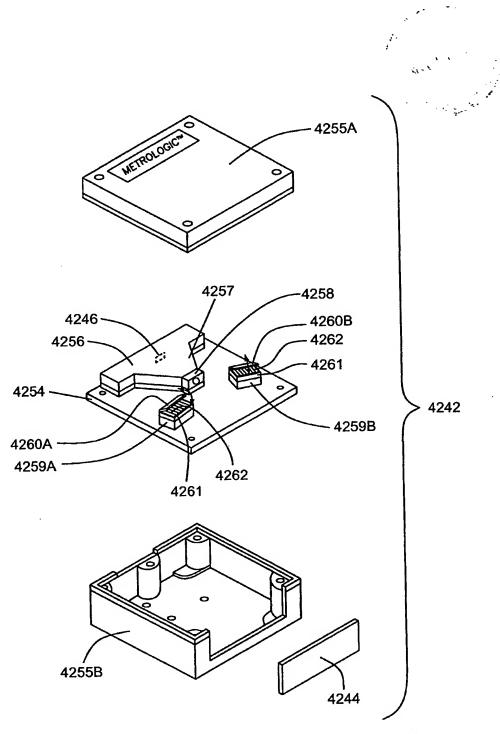


FIG. 60A



Etalon (Temp. Phase Mod.) Fig. 1117A-17B

FIG. 60B

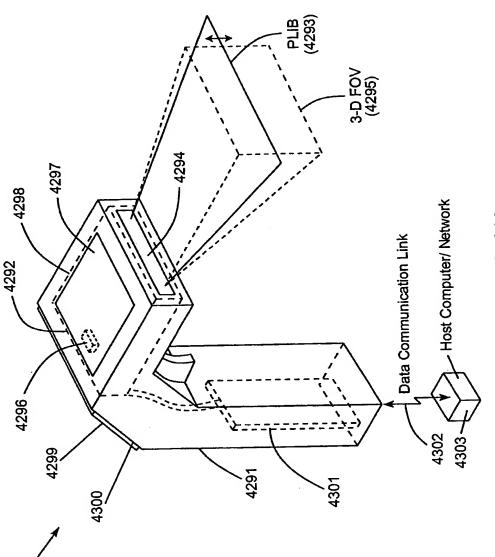
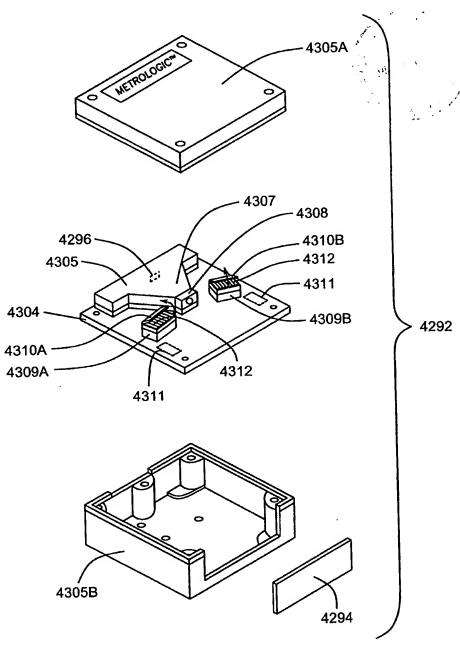
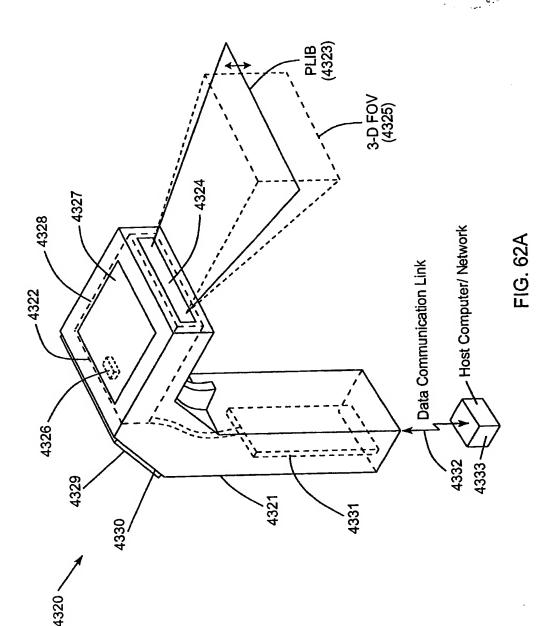


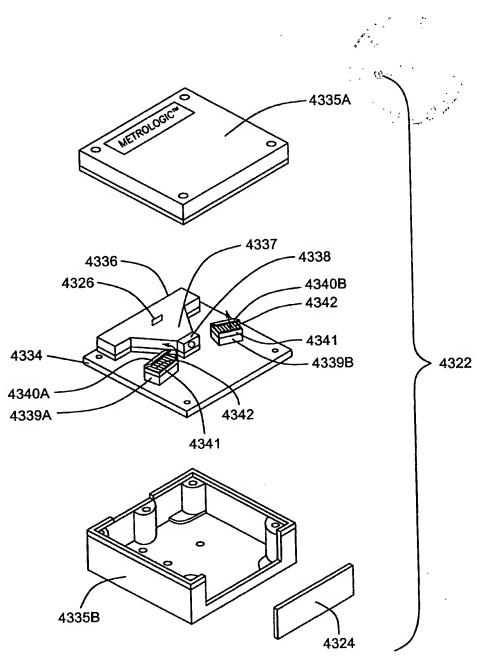
FIG. 61A



Mode Hopping Fig. 1119A-19B

FIG. 61B





Micro-oscillating Spatial Intensity Modulation Panels Fig. 1l21A-21D

FIG. 62B

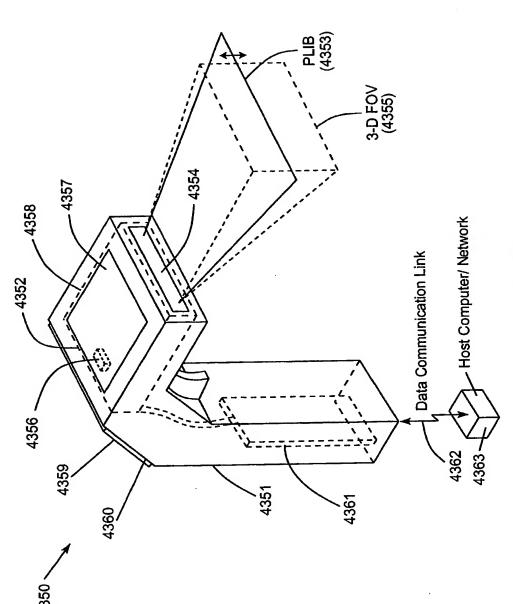
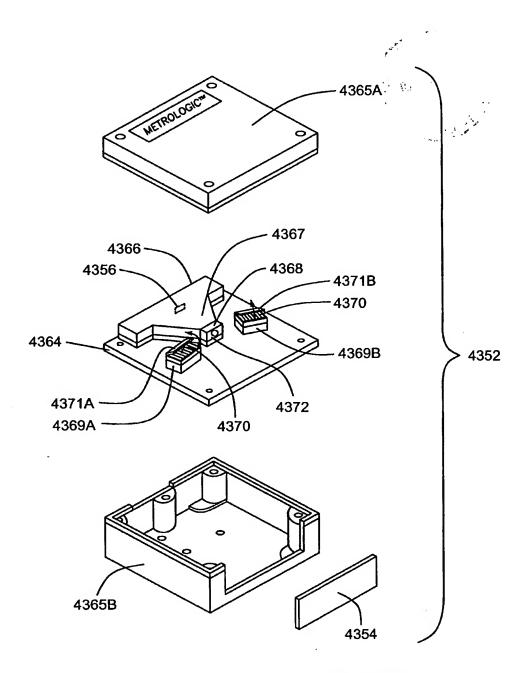


FIG. 63A



EO or Mechanically Rotating Iris Fig. 1I23A-23B

FIG. 63B

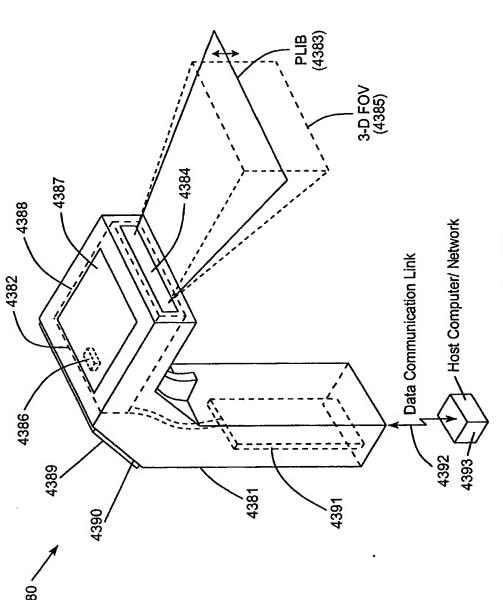
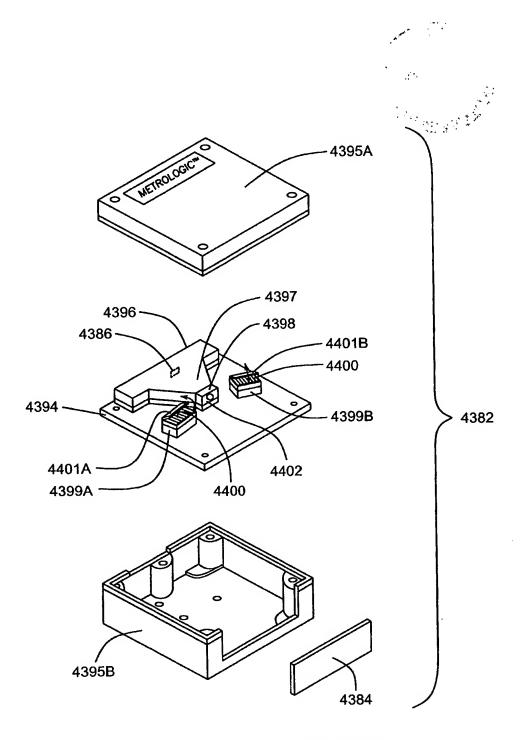
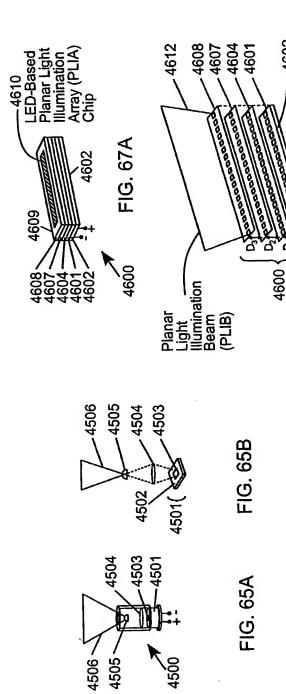


FIG. 64A



E-optical Shutter Before IFD Lens Fig. 1I24A

FIG. 64B



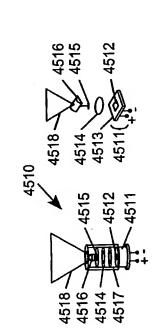
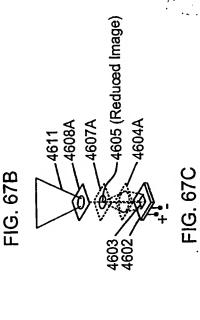
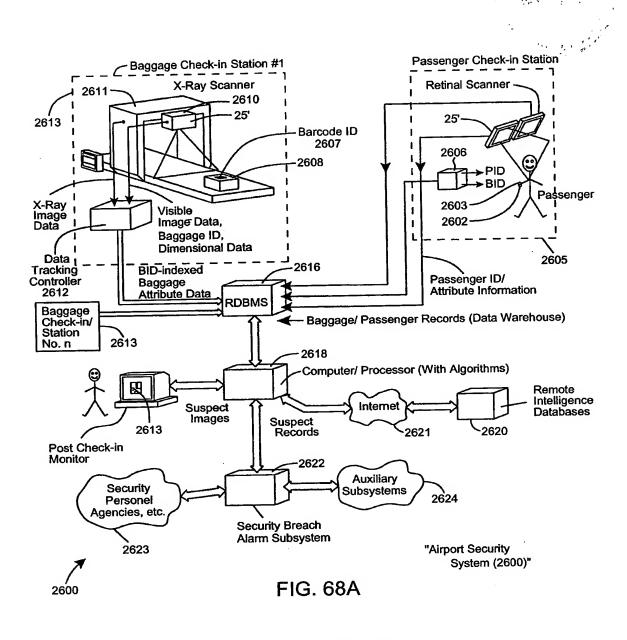


FIG. 66A FIG. 66B



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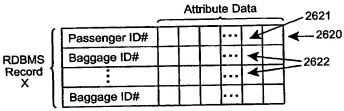
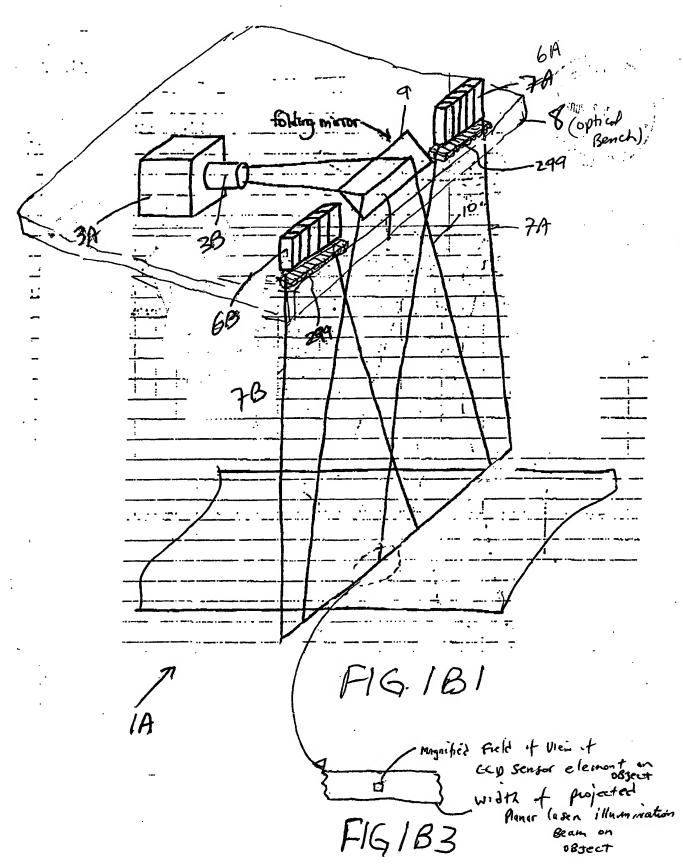
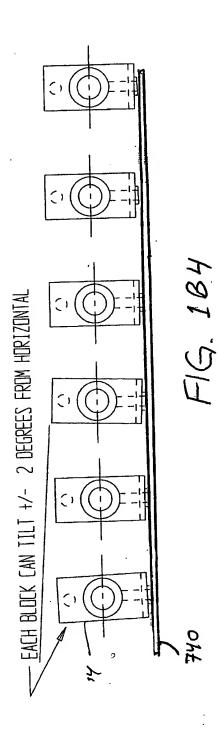
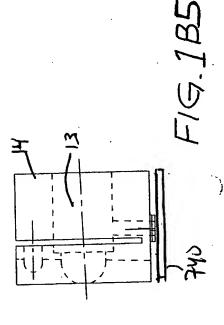


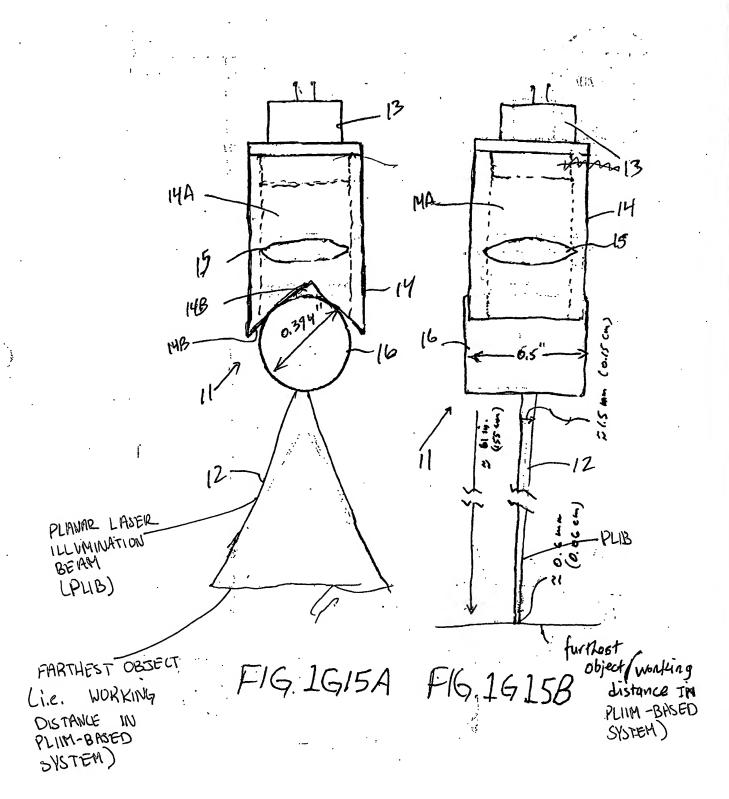
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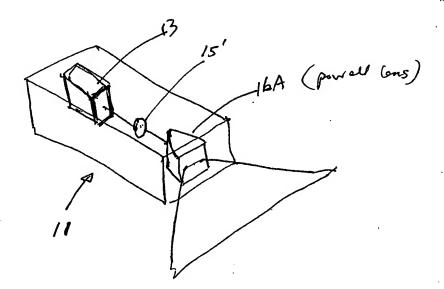




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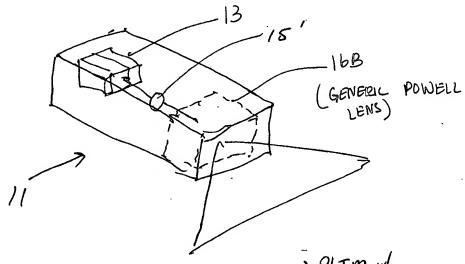
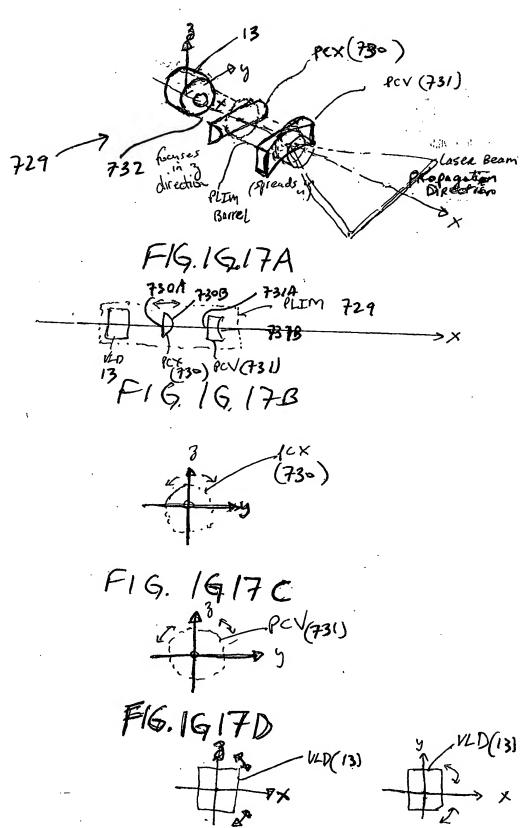


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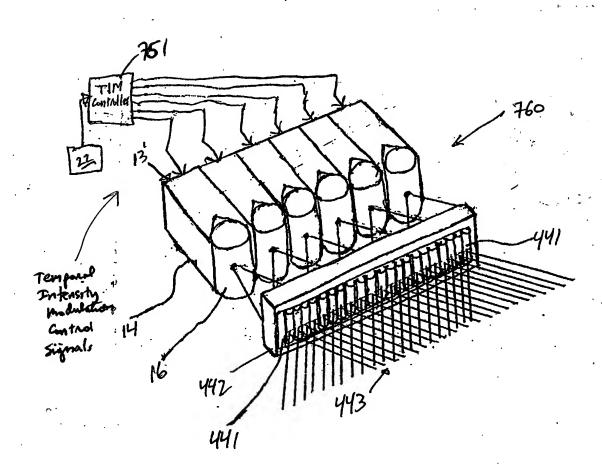
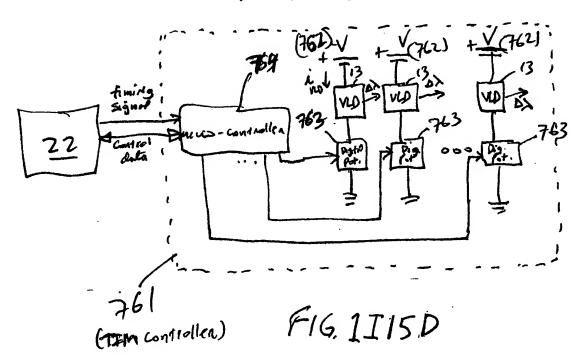


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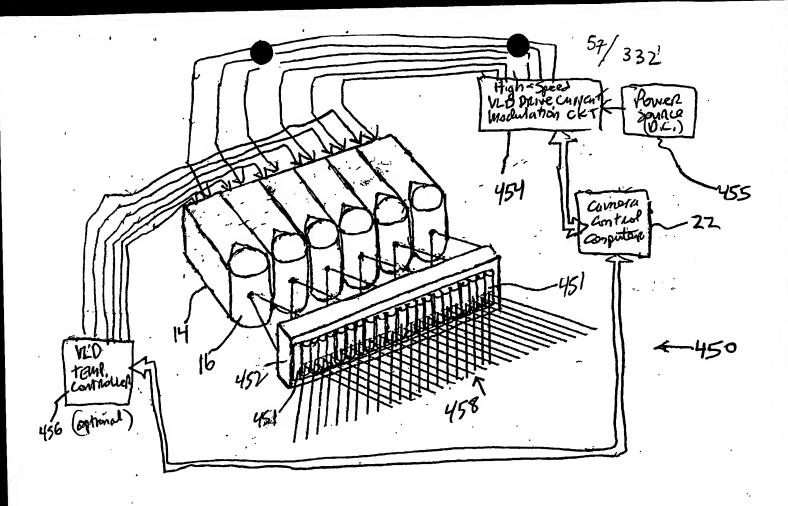
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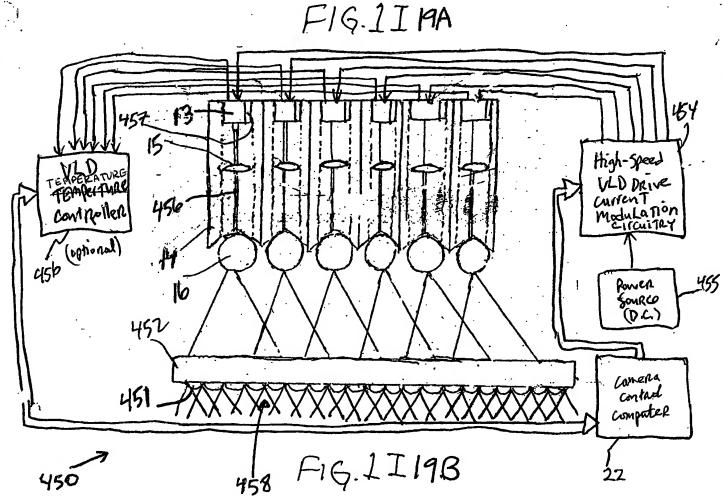
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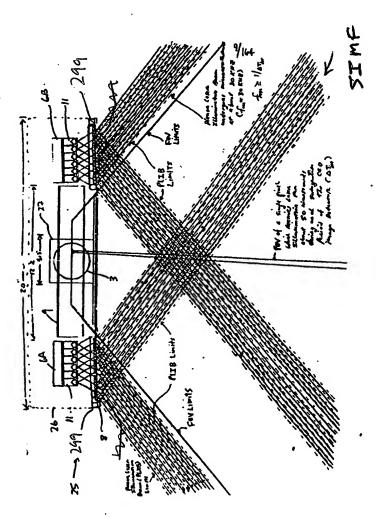
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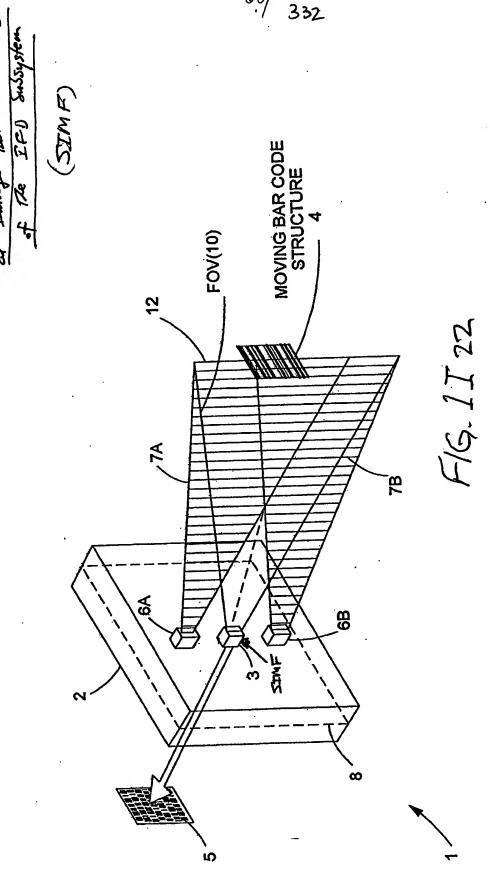
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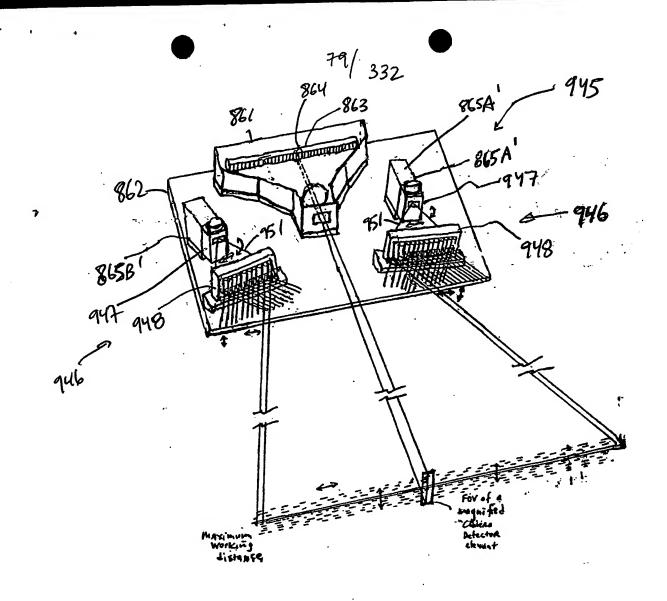
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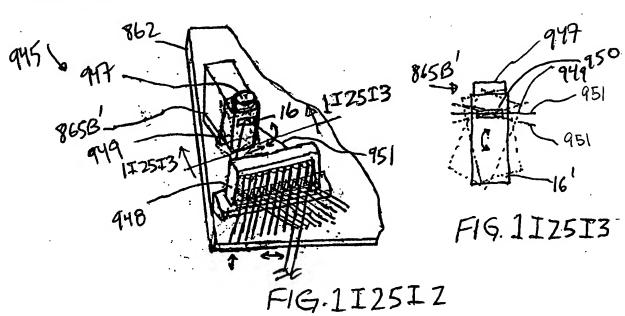
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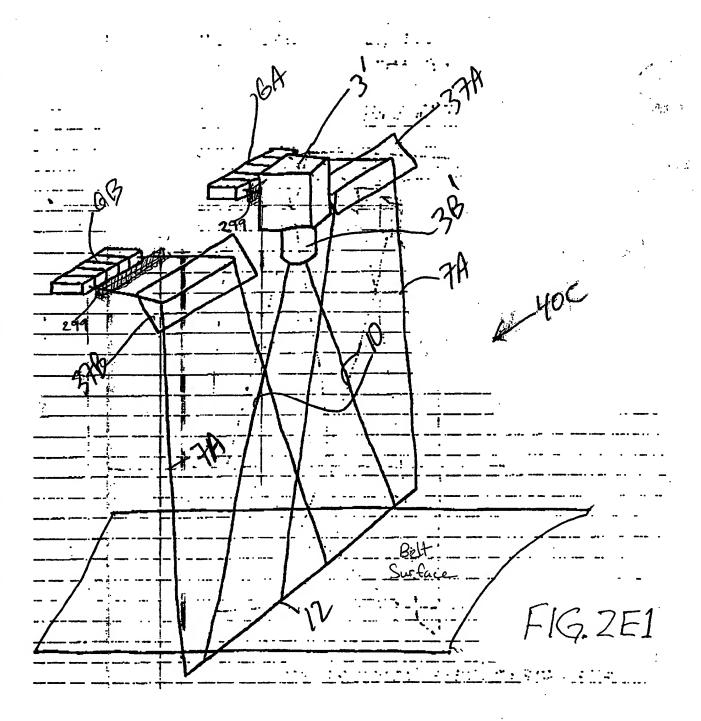




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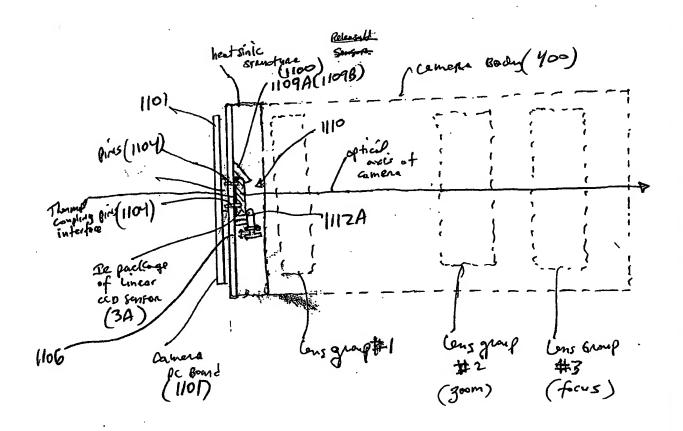




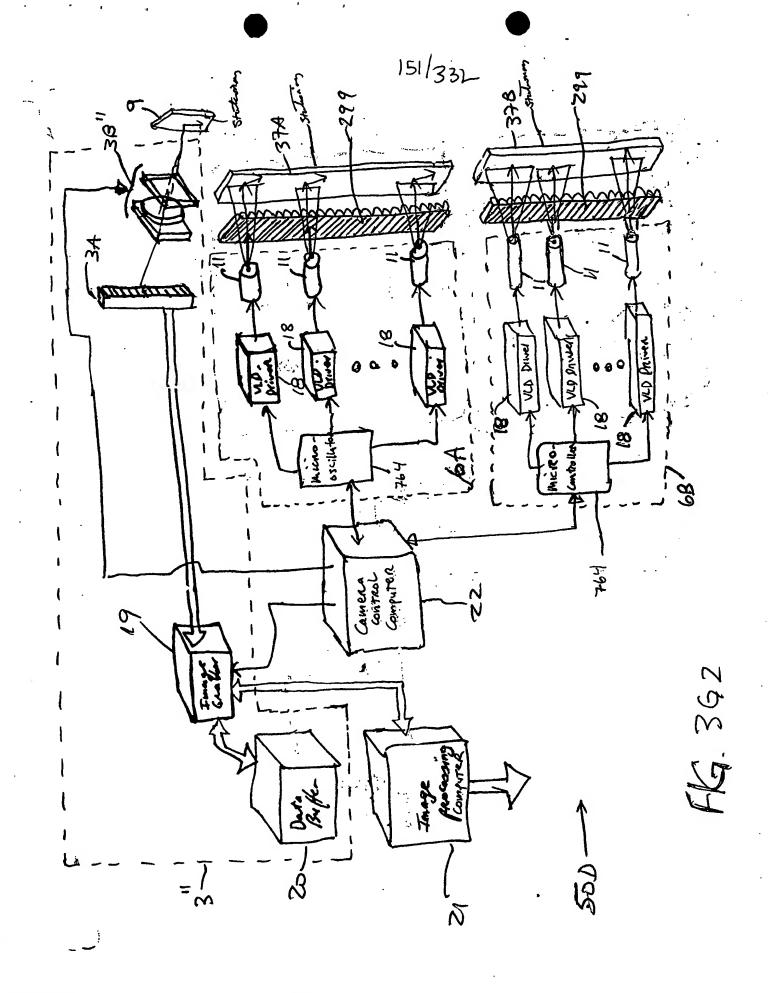
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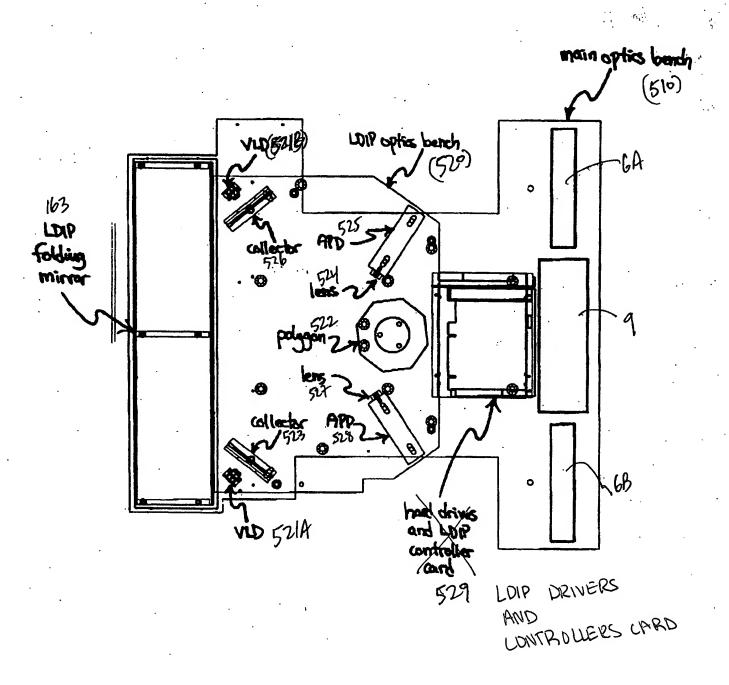
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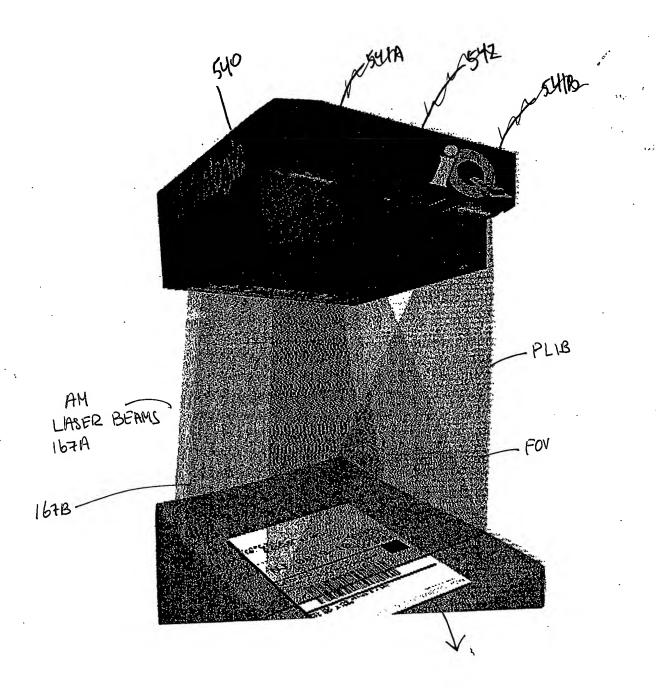


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CAMERA CONTROL PROCESS CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CAMERA CONTROL SUBSYSTEM OF EACH OBJECT/ATTRIBUTE ACQUISITION AND ANALYSIS SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION AND Start Camera Control Computer receives a time-stamped quintuple Data Set (i.e. coordinate of Left Package Edge, coordinate of Right Package Edge, height, velocity, and time-stamp) from the LDIP Subsystem and storesthe Data Set in a Package Data Buffer Structure having N=5 columns and M (OWS; Cameria Contract Computer computer optical power (millimits) which Each PLIA must Produce (wing method in Figs 180) and transmits the Computer optical fower to 600h PLIA and dependent system 5 Camera Control Computer analyzes height data in the Package Data Buffer and detect the occurrence of detecting height discontinuities, and based on such detected height discontinuities, determines the corresponding coordinate position of the leading package edges specified by left-most and right-most coordinate values associated with the data set at this detected height discontinuity. Camera Control Computer determines the height of the package associated with the leading package edges determined at Block B above. K Camera Control Computer Camera Control Camera Control Computer analyzes height value in the transforms the position of left and Computer analyzes the Package Data Buffer, and height values (i.e. right package edge (LPE, RPE) determines the speed of coordinates buffered in the coordinates) computed package $(V_h(t))$. deepest row of the Data Package over previous raw data set processing cycles, Buffer at which the height value was determined at Block D to a and stored in the Package Data Buffer, Global Coordinate Reference System symbolically embedded in and determines the the conveyor belt structure "median" height of beneath the LDIP Subsystem, as package. shown in Fig. 17. Fig. 18A

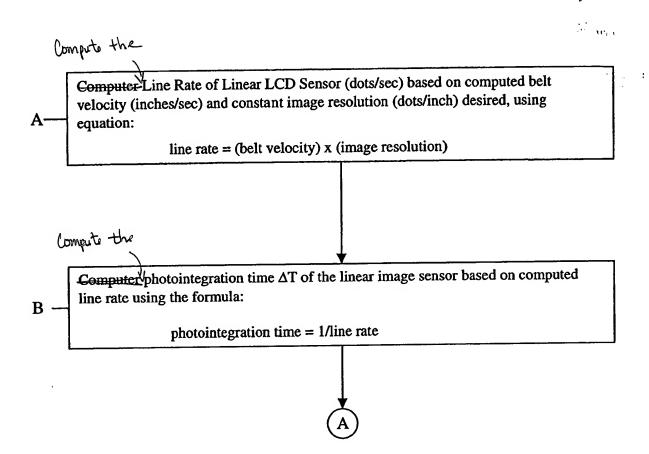


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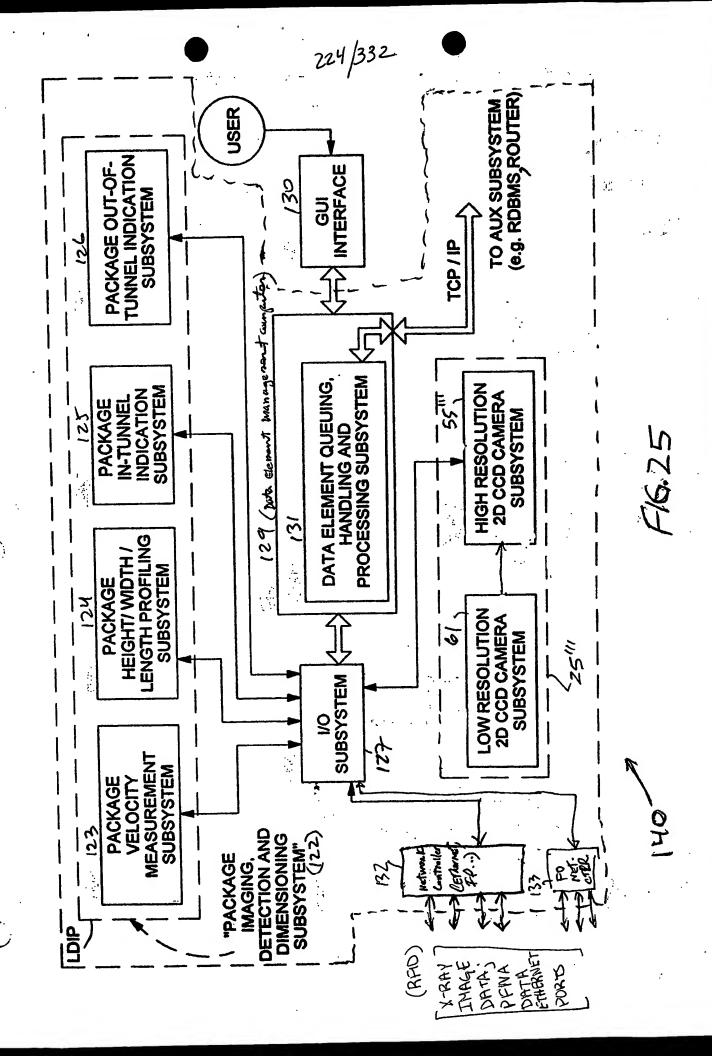
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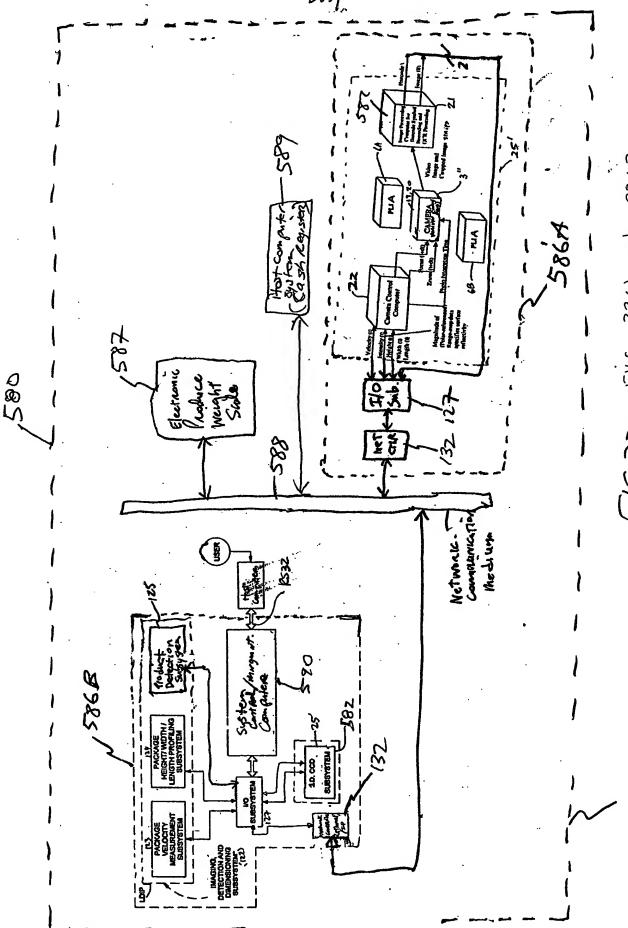
optical power of LD (milliwatts) = constant

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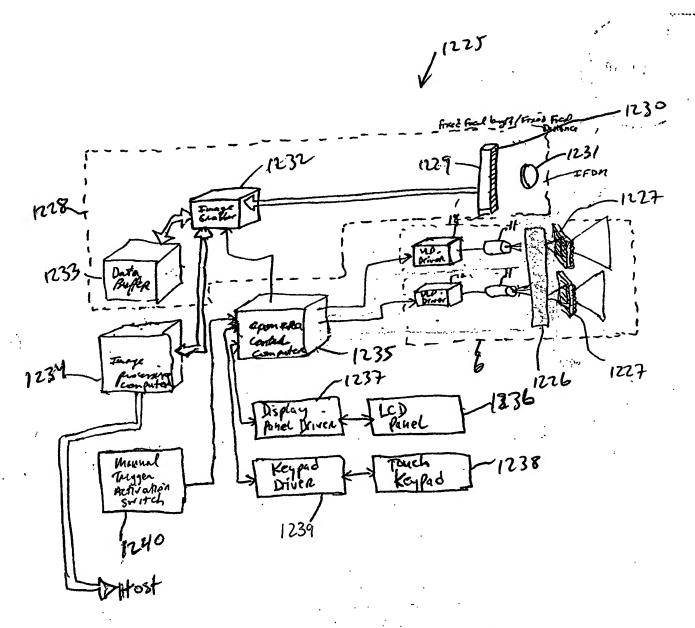
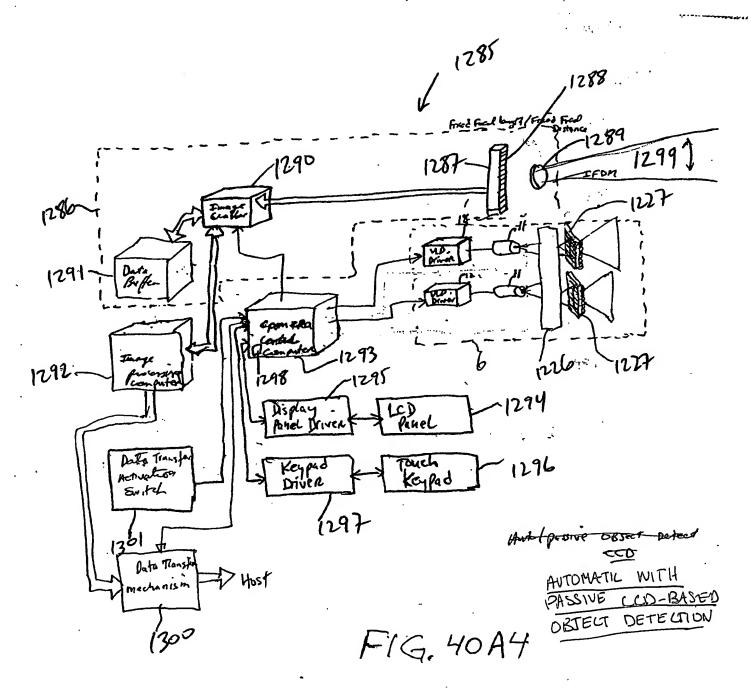
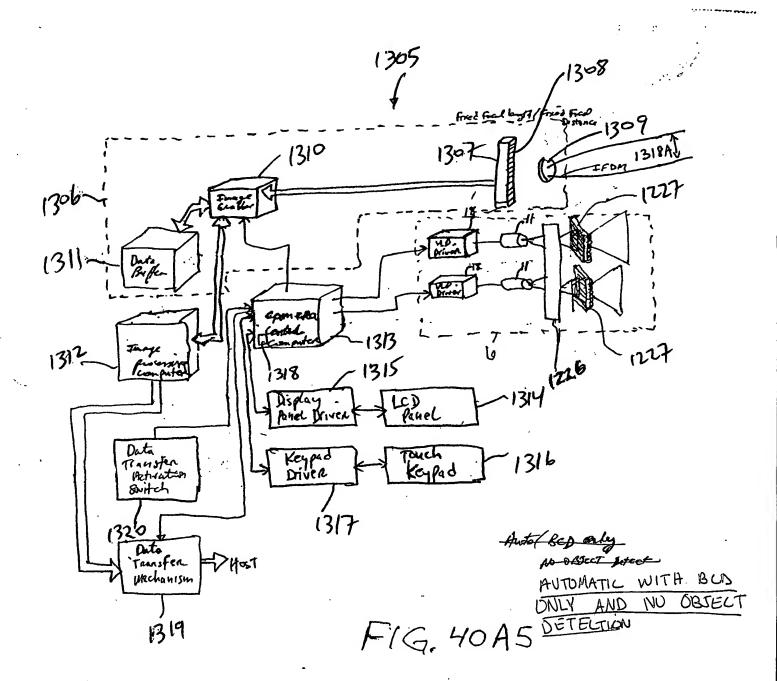


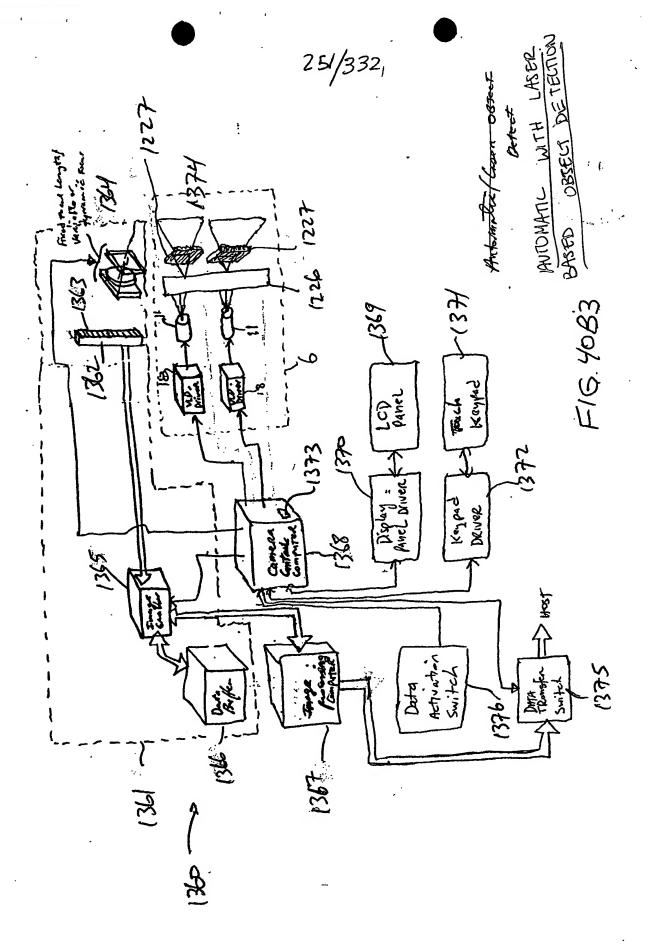
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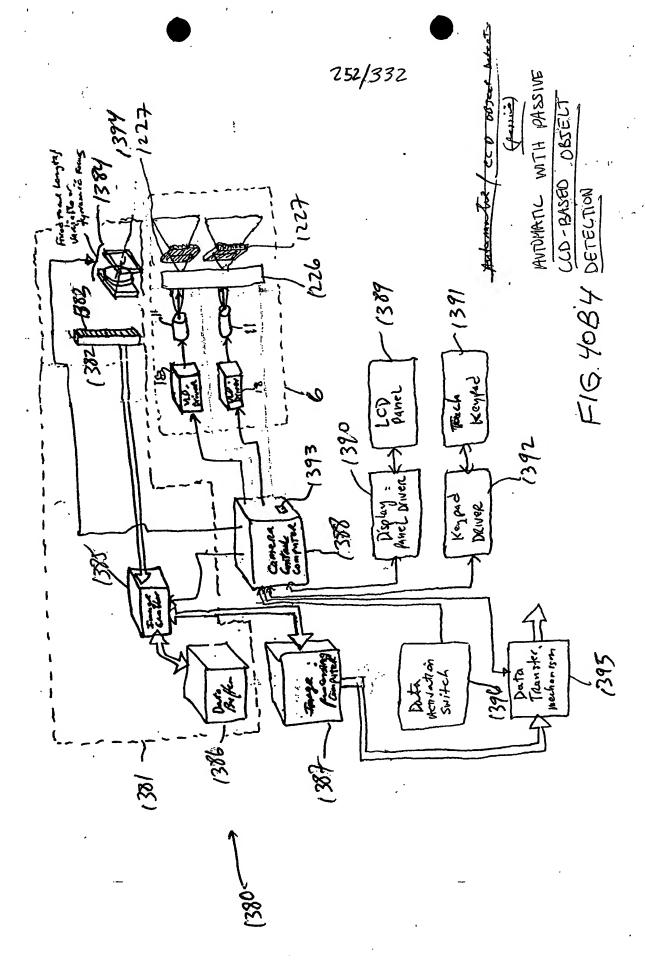
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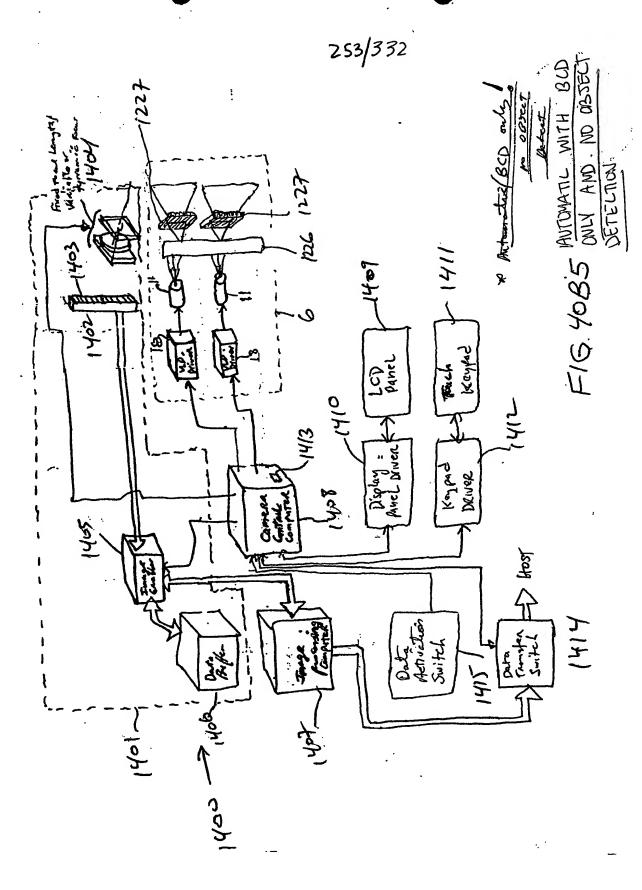
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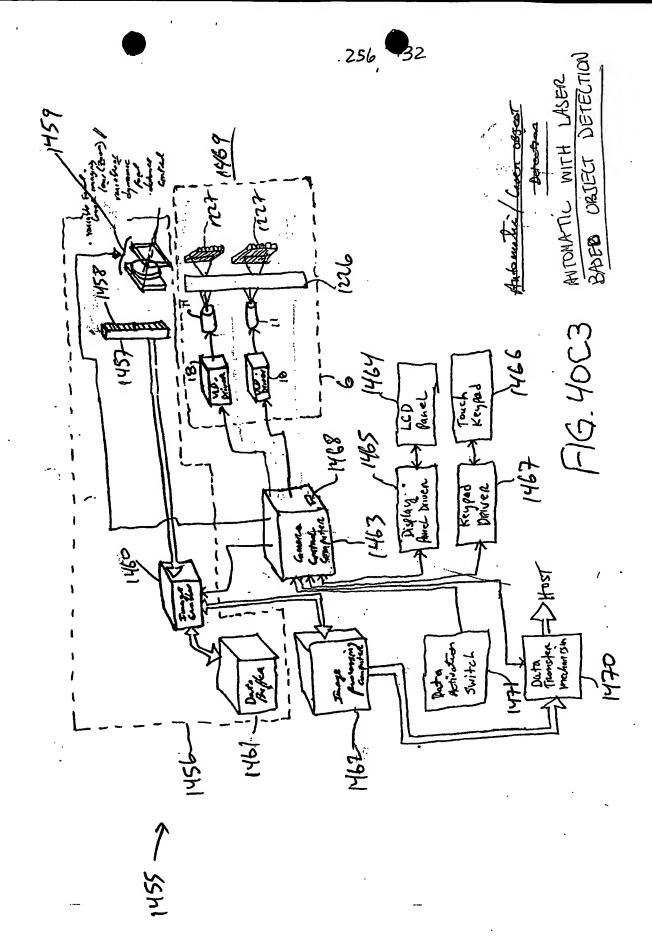




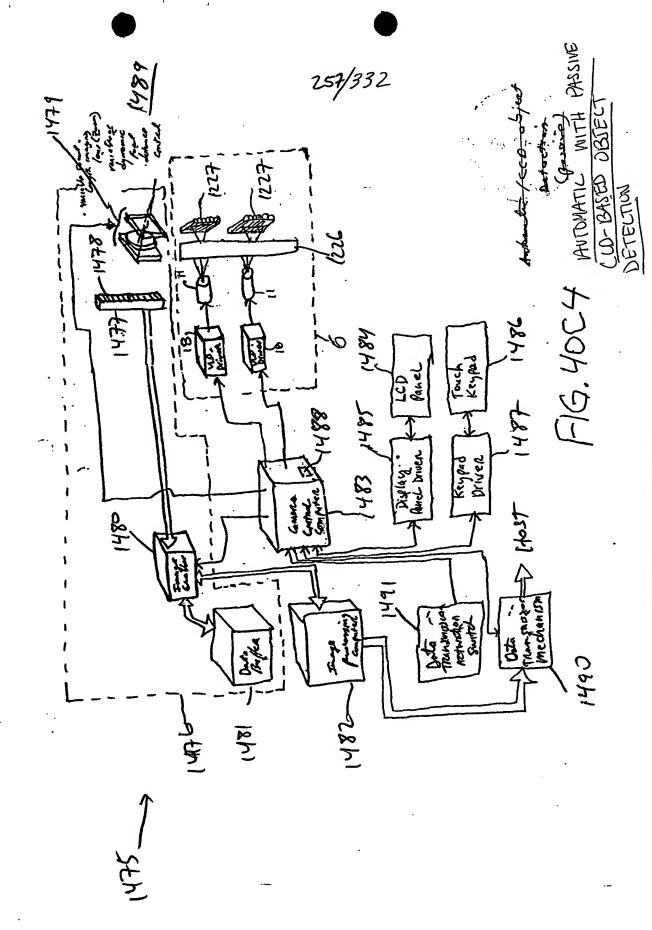


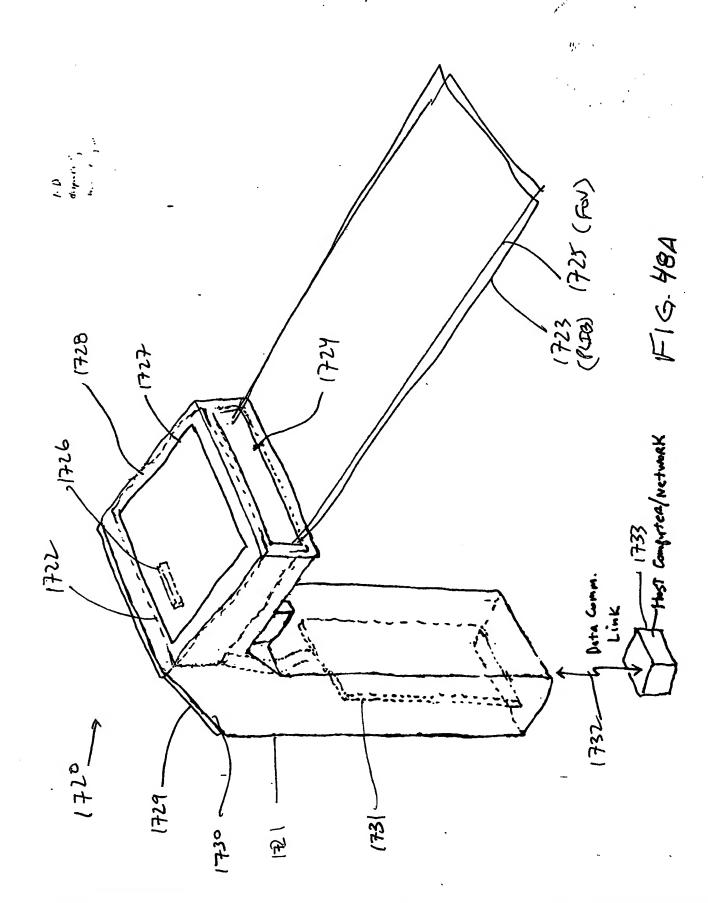


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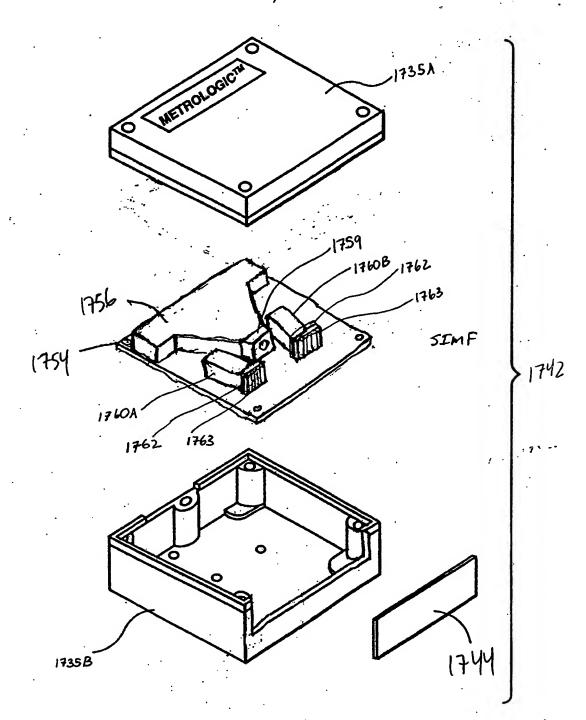
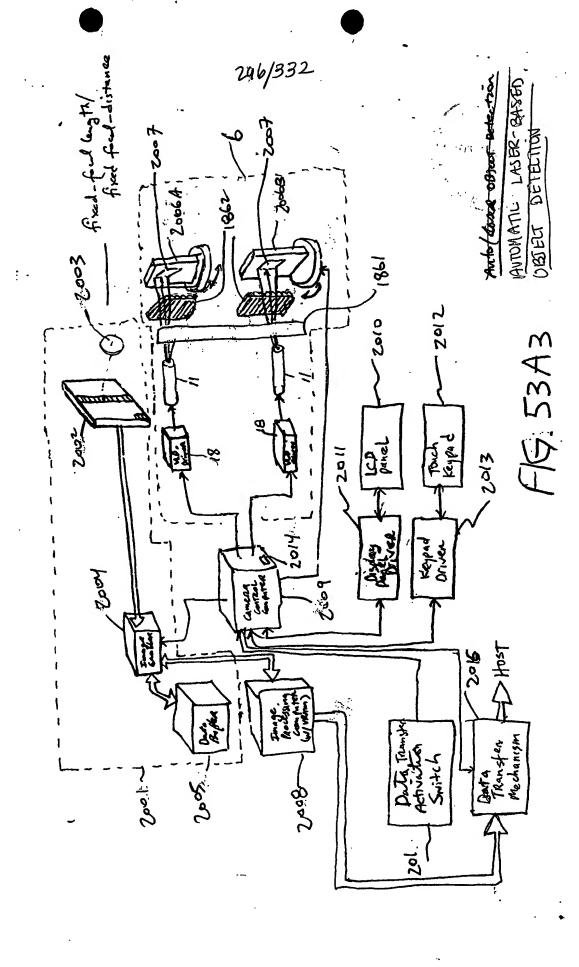


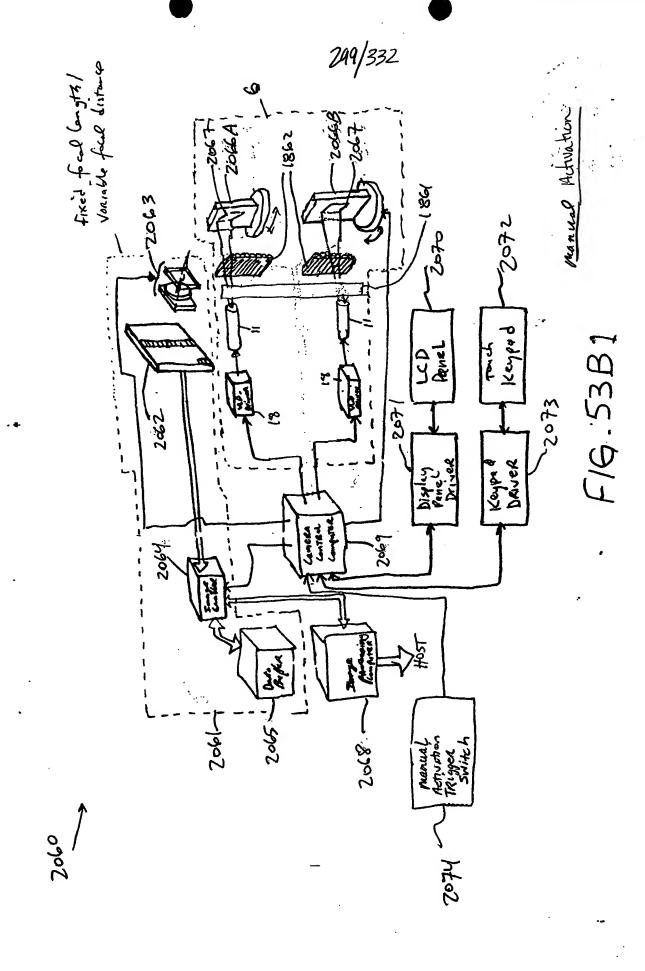
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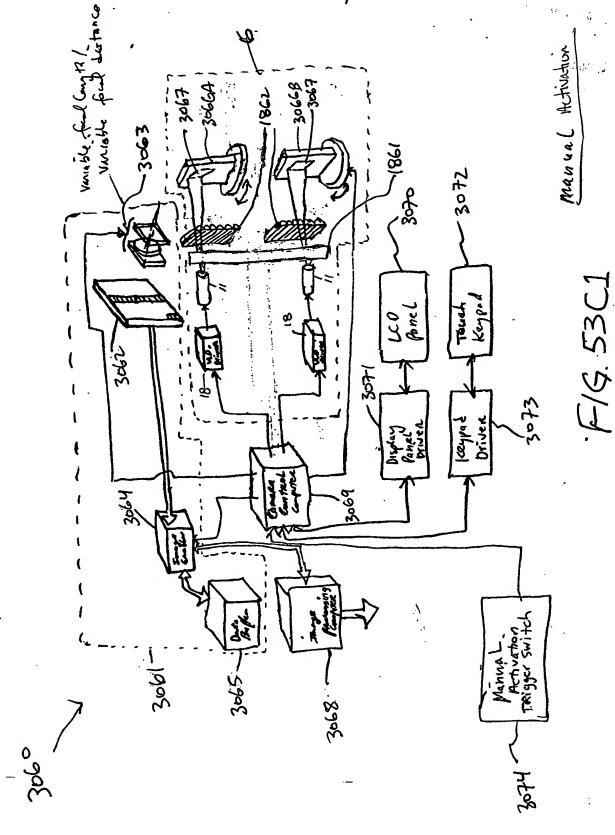
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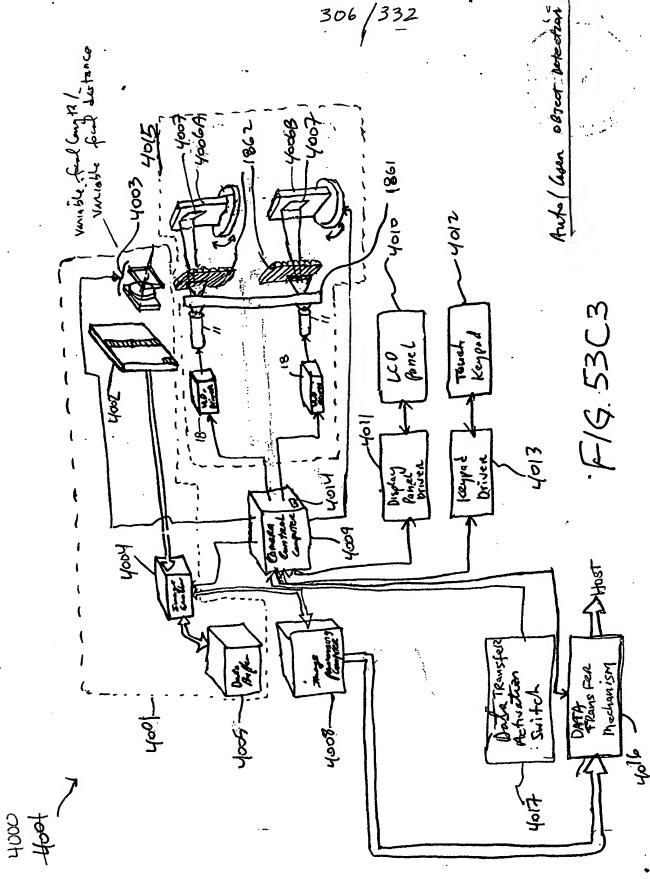


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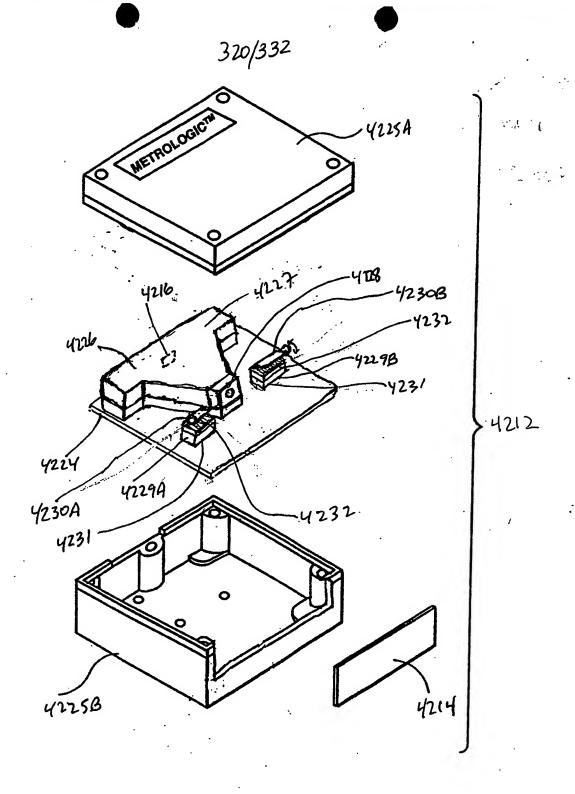


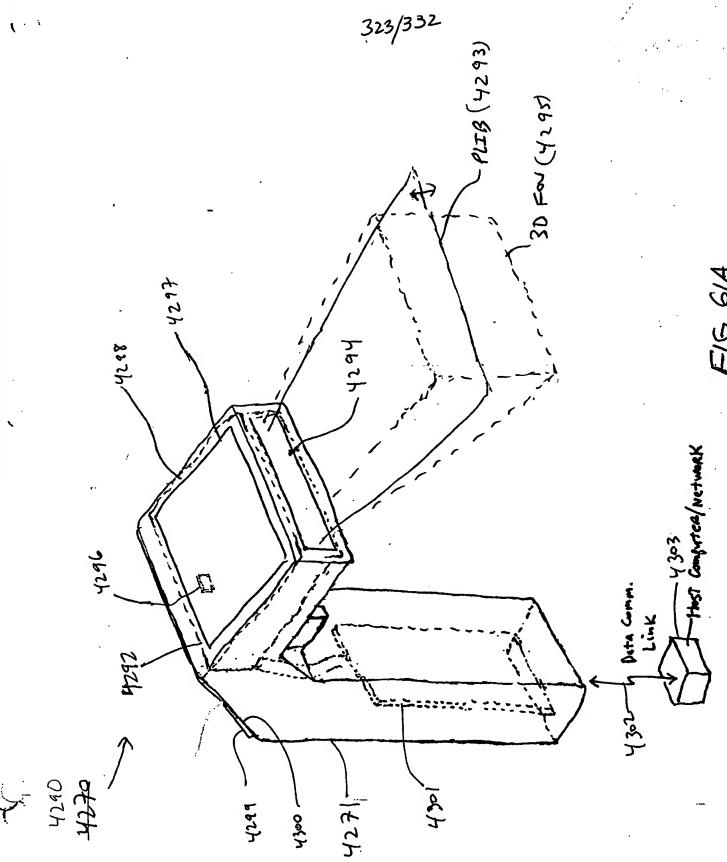
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